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Tehran experts receiving training in secret

Iran, Pakistan sign N-pact

LONDON, June 12, (Agencies): Iran and Pakistan have signed a secret nuclear pact aimed at developing Iran's nuclear technology, a British newspaper reported today.

The Observer said the agreement was reached at a meeting in Vienna last year between Dr Reza Amerollahi, head of the Iranian Atomic Energy Organisation, and Dr Munir Ahmed Khan, chairman of Pakistan's Atomic Energy Commission.

As a result, the paper said, six Iranian nuclear experts are receiving advanced training in Pakistan.

The Observer gave no source for the story, except to say the "main outlines" of the

agreement were known to the paper.

The paper said Iran had made a number of attempts to obtain Pakistani assistance in the development of nuclear technology through the Economic Co-operation Organisation whose members are Turkey, Pakistan and Iran.

In February 1986, the paper said, the Pakistani government offered to help Iran and Turkey train engineers in nuclear energy. The Iranians sent four engineers to Pakistan, the paper said.

The Observer said Pakistan's top nuclear scientist, Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, secretly visited the Bushehr nuclear plant on Iran's Gulf coast. It said Qadeer visited Iran in January 1987 to prepare two confidential reports on the

plant, which he submitted to both countries.

The Observer said the Iranian government decided in 1985 to revive its nuclear-power programme, though not on the scale planned by the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, who envisioned 20 nuclear stations before he was overthrown in 1979.

The deal raises questions about what will happen to nuclear by-products which could be used for weapons. The Observer notes. Under the Shah, Iran ratified nuclear Non-proliferation Treaties in 1970, "but doubts persist over the nuclear intentions of the revolutionary regime which seized power nine years later," the paper said.



An angry policeman thrashes a young demonstrator on the street during an opposition-led general strike in Dhaka. (Reuters wire-photo)

Demonstration against Islamic law

Protest strike shuts Dhaka

DHAKA, June 12, (Agencies): About 50 people were slightly injured today when police clashed with opposition party demonstrators protesting a controversial constitutional amendment making Islam the state religion of Bangladesh, witnesses said.

Police reported 30 arrests. Police and witnesses said about 20 vehicles, most of them state-owned buses, were damaged by the demonstrators. Two bicycle rickshaws were set ablaze.

The demonstrations coincided with a one-day strike called to protest the law, passed last Tuesday by Parliament.

Few people took to the streets because heavy monsoon rains drenched the capital and other areas. Most shops and private businesses remained closed. Government offices were open, but attendance was reported as poor.

pliance with the opposition strike call.

Until nightfall, when the strike ended, transportation systems were disrupted. Intercity buses did not leave stations, and flights from Dhaka airport were delayed. Indian news reports said several trains were stalled when protesters blocked tracks.

The strike was called by 20 major opposition parties to protest the Islamisation bill that President Hussain Muhammad Ershad signed into law last Thursday.

Criticism

The legislation inserted into the constitution a provision reading: "The state religion of the republic is Islam, but other religions may be practised in peace and harmony."

Although more than 85 per cent of Bangladesh's 105 million people are Muslim, the law has drawn widespread criticism from women's groups, religious minorities and opposition parties.

Opponents contend that fundamentalist Muslims could use the law to impose strict Muslim dress codes and Quranic law on the country, secular since its founding in 1971.

Religious minorities include Christians, Buddhists and Hindus.

The opposition parties also contend that the present Parliament has no right to change the country's constitution.

They have been waging an "Ershad must go" campaign since last November, but 25 strikes and numerous anti-government demonstrations have not succeeded in removing him.

India and Pakistan accuse each other

Plans to kill Rajiv and Zia

By Ashraf Shad

INDIA and Pakistan have accused each other of planning to assassinate the leaders of their two countries — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and President Zia-ul-Haq — and some VIPs during the summit of the Non-aligned Movement.

These allegations form part of the documents prepared by the two governments for meetings, between the two sides at the secretary level. Two meetings

have been held, one each in New Delhi and Islamabad.

More meetings are planned. In the meetings, the two countries, which have fought three wars during the 41 years since they became independent, trying to counter each other's allegations of interference in internal affairs.

The meetings are planned as part of the efforts to normalise mutual relations.

Arab Times has obtained the documents containing the allegations.

According to these documents, Pakistan alleges that India has 17 training camps and 21 safe houses for training agents and planning sabotage activities in Pakistan, especially in the province of Sind, which witnessed the most hostile demonstration against Zia in 1983.

The Pakistani document give the location and details of the camps in India.

Pakistan has also cited the location of 21 safe houses with

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WEATHER

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Minimum temperature expected: Kuwait: 26°C 79°F

Amman: 32°C 90°F

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 35 per cent

Amman: 50 per cent

Minimum humidity expected: Kuwait: 35 per cent

Amman: 50 per cent

Blaze aboard British tanker put out

DUBAI, June 12, (Reuters): Firefighters extinguished a blaze aboard a British-registered supertanker attacked by Iranian gunboats off the coast of Saudi Arabia, Gulf shipping sources said today.

They said the damaged 258,979-tonne Esso Demetia had anchored off Bahrain after firefighters battled for some six hours to quell the blaze in a bunker tank.

No casualties were reported in the raid, one of two mounted by Iranian gunboats yesterday to end a two-week lull in attacks by Tehran on international shipping on the sidelines of the 7-1/2-year-long Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

In the other Iranian strike, a Filipino seaman was killed aboard the 11,744-tonne West German container ship Dhaulagiri when it was raked by machine-gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades at the entrance to the Gulf.

The attack on the Esso Demetia was the first in the central part of the 550-mile-long Gulf for several months and shipping sources said no British or US warships were in the vicinity at the time.

A US Navy spokesman in the Gulf said an American warship had been sent to the area following the attack but the Esso Demetia had not asked for assistance.

100 injured in Kashmir clashes

SRINAGAR, India, June 12, (Reuters): More than 100 people including 40 policemen were injured in clashes between angry demonstrators and police today in the north Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, the Press Trust of India said.

The news agency said police fired in self defence against 5,000 people protesting against a 20 per cent increase in electricity charges attacked a police station with home-made bombs.

Socialists and Conservatives neck-and-neck in French polls

PARIS, June 12, (Reuters): Socialists and Conservatives are running neck-and-neck in today's French general election with neither likely to win an outright majority, according to computer forecasts.

Forecasts by private polling institutes gave President Mitterrand's Socialist Party and the centre-right URC alliance between 265 and 285 of the National Assembly's 577 seats.

A party needs to win 289 seats in the National Assembly (lower house of parliament) to form a stable majority.

It's stupefying — for the first time in the 30-year history of the Fifth Republic, there will be no clear majority in the National Assembly," said Jerome Jaffre, analyst for the Sofres Polling Organisation.

According to the predictions, the communists were likely to win 26-28 seats, allowing them to hold the balance of power with the Socialists if Mitterrand chooses to revive his old alliance with the Communist Party.

The extreme-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen lost his seat in the French parliament in general elections today.

Demolition around Golden Temple

Delhi to press on with security plan

NEW DELHI, June 12, (Agencies): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said today he was determined to press on with a security plan involving demolition around the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine.

"If necessary, bulldozers will be pressed into service — both political as well as diesel-operated bulldozers," the Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted him as telling reporters on his way home from a four-nation tour.

Hurry

The razing of houses crowded around the Golden Temple in Amritsar to prevent Sikh separatists taking over the shrine again had been delayed by disputes over alternative homes for people displaced.

PTI said the first house was demolished yesterday. Under the government plan all except historic buildings within 30 metres (100 feet) of the vast temple complex will be pulled down within six months to clear an easily-policed area.

Seized

The government was in a hurry to start the work after paramilitary forces laid siege to the Golden Temple for 10 days in May to oust armed Sikh separatists fighting for an independent homeland they call Khalistan (land of the pure).

Ultimately the security plan — officially called the Golden Temple area beautification plan — will see the demolition of nearly all the buildings within 300 metres (1,000 feet).

Police killed four people during raids in Punjab state and suspected terrorists gunned down a senior Sikh political adviser, news reports said yesterday.

Police also seized heroin valued at Rs 70 million (about \$5.25 million) and a large cache of weapons and arrested 13 suspected Sikh extremists during the raids, the United News of India reported.

Two men called Charan Dass Ghai, a prominent lawyer and adviser to the Akali Dal party, from his home in Moga town, some 430 kilometres (265 miles) northeast of New Delhi in Faridkot district, and shot him to death last night, UNI quoted witnesses as saying. It did not say if the gunmen escaped or give other details of the killing.

Meeting may end on Tuesday

OPEC ministers hope to wrap up an accord

VIENNA, June 12, (Reuters): OPEC ministers hoping to boost world oil prices to the organisation's \$18-a-barrel target met briefly today, and said they hoped to wrap up an accord on prices and production on Tuesday.

United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba, left for consultations with his President, which some analysts said might be a sign that an agreement was near.

Oteiba, speaking in a television interview just before leaving Vienna, said that the OPEC is set to extend its current oil production ceiling until the end of the year.

Emerging from the second session of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' biannual conference, ministers from Iraq, Venezuela, Indonesia and Ecuador said they hoped the meeting — which faces deep divisions about the level of oil production for the rest of 1988 — would end on Tuesday.

"We have set the scene for major things to be discussed and we will adjourn to allow our people to get together in discussions," OPEC President Kilwanu Lukman of Nigeria said.

Divided

And when asked by reporters about the ministers' aims for a short meeting, Lukman said: "I hope you are right."

Lukman has called for unity at OPEC, where relations between some of its 13 members have been badly strained by the war between Iran and Iraq.

Analysts had expected a long,

drawn-out meeting.

OPEC members are deeply divided about whether to cut production to boost prices.

An ambush by Iranian gunboats on a British-flagged tanker just off the Saudi Arabian coast also looked set to sour the atmosphere further, delegates said.

The conference is due to replace a production agreement which expires in June with a new pact. Gulf nations want higher output. But an Iranian-led camp disagrees.

Another awkward problem is Iraq's refusal to sign an agreement which does not give it a quota equal to that of Gulf war enemy Iran.

Lukman said yesterday OPEC should have a pact in place which included all 13 members.

Positions

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are also pressing for definitions of oil grades which should be included in oil quotas, another sensitive and complex matter.

Mooted co-operation with non-OPEC producers to cut output and boost prices is also to be discussed, delegates said.

Lukman, whose style of negotiation is to disperse ministers into small groups to solve problems, said today's meeting looked at reports which covered technical issues and supply demand estimates.

"We have done all the spade work," he said.

"The reports contained country positions and recommendations. We have concrete proposals in the reports," Lukman said, but did not elaborate.

Under its current production accord, OPEC limited production to 15.06 million barrels daily during the first half of the year to support its \$18 target price.

Lukman said OPEC production is now about 18.2 million barrels a day. That total includes Iraq, which did not sign the current production pact because it wanted its quota to be fixed at parity with Iran's. Iraq says it pumps as much as 2.8 million barrels a day.

On Friday, Lukman said the \$18 target could be achieved with current quotas if members kept to them.

Solid

His remarks raised the possibility of a roll-over of the current agreement, a step OPEC has taken in the past because of deadlock.

Oil traders doubt that OPEC could hammer out a solid agreement at this meeting sent prices to three-month lows of about \$16 a barrel in New York at close of business on Friday.

In April, when talks with six non-OPEC nations on joint production cuts ended in disarray, Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa of Kuwait said OPEC must first get its house in order.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait think some nations are using loopholes in the OPEC rules to get around their quotas.

To tackle it, some delegates say OPEC must look closely at difficult technical issues.

They said such discussions might have to be shelved if the ministers are to wrap up their meeting by Tuesday.

Awad may be deported today

Arab shot dead in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 12, (AP): An Israeli bus driver shot and killed an Arab youth who stopped his vehicle in the occupied West Bank today while firing a rifle to extinguish widespread forest fires blamed on Palestinian arsonists using a new weapon in the Arab uprising.

In the occupied West Bank, Palestinian high school students clashed with the Army for the third day in the town of Hebron, and eight were treated for the effects of tear gas. Also today, an Israeli motorist was seriously injured when an Arab teenager threw a rock at his car near Tel Aviv.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said, meanwhile, that Mubarak Awad, an Arab American advocate of non-violent resistance to Israeli occupation, would likely be deported early tomorrow after losing a Supreme Court appeal a week ago.

Clash

In the fatal clash near the town of Jericho, a public bus driver fired a gun after his vehicle was stopped as it passed the Ain Al Sultan refugee camp, home to about 700 Palestinians on the main road linking Jerusalem with northern Israel's Galilee.

No injuries were reported from the stones. The Army confirmed the clash and the fatality but said it was still investigating the circumstances of the shooting.

A Jericho hospital official said an 18-year-old camp resident, Saed Mohammed Al Hayek, was brought dead to the hospital

minutes after the clash, shot in his heart and back.

In Hebron, students clashed with troops at the Al Hussein High School, the city's largest, and at the Tareq Ibn Ziyad High School, according to reports. Eight teenagers were treated for tear gas effects, said officials at the city's Alia hospital.

The Army confirmed a third day of protests at Al Hussein and said it was considering closing the school. High schools in the West Bank, viewed as centres of the unrest, were re-opened on June 6 after a four-month closure.

Also today, Police Minister Chaim Bar-Lev said Arabs were behind widespread fires that have destroyed 35,000 to 40,000 acres of forests and pastures since early May.

He said several Arabs have been detained, including two 18 and 19 years old from the northern Israeli Arab village of Umm Al Fahm who confessed to setting some of the fires. Bar-Lev urged Israeli courts to impose heavy sentences on the arsonists "to act as a deterrent."

"No doubt that it is part of the intifada and linked to what is happening in the (occupied) territories and to Israeli Arabs," he told Israeli radio, using the Arab term for "uprising."

Firemen today battled fires near upper Nazareth, at Jerusalem's suburb of Ramot, in the Bar Giora forest outside Jerusalem, and around an Israeli weather station near Tel Aviv. The radio said a Gaza teenager was arrested and confessed to the weather station fire.

20 killed in plane crash

BUENOS AIRES, June 12, (Reuters): At least 20 people were killed today when a Douglas DC-9 airliner of the Argentine domestic carrier Austral crashed in thick fog near the northeastern city of Posadas, an airline spokeswoman said.

"We believe there were no survivors," the spokeswoman added.

It was not immediately known if any foreigners were among the estimated 15 passengers. The plane also carried a crew of five or six.

DAY BY DAY

PROGRAMMES on KTV2 are meant primarily for English speaking foreigners who hail from many countries — with English as the common means of communication. Sadly, on many occasions Arabic programmes are shown on this channel.

Could KTV 2 be prompted to transmit using English as the medium?

Zahed Matar

INTERNATIONAL

Searing drought hits US farm belt

WASHINGTON, June 12, (Reuters): A searing drought that has spread from America's northern wheat prairies to southern cotton fields is the worst in the country in more than 50 years, weather experts say.

"This has definitely been the driest spring since 1934," said Gail Martell, chief meteorologist for brokerage firm Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. "It's desperate. There's no question."

The drought has scorched spring wheat and oats in the Dakotas, stunted corn and soybean growth in Iowa and Illinois and dried up newly planted cotton in the Mississippi delta, sending US crop prices soaring on concern over short supplies later this year.

Weather analysts said current conditions were similar to the Dust Bowl in 1934, when widespread drought ravaged the nation's corn and wheat crop. But they said that this year there had been particularly strange weather patterns unlike any year since the United States began keeping weather data more than 90 years ago.

"It's been a very unusual pattern that we've seen through the winter, spring and into the summer," said Norton Strommen, chief meteorologist for the US Agriculture Department.

"In some respects, this is a year all by its own. It's just crazy — some of the weather we've seen," said Charlie Notis of Free-Notis Associates, a private weather forecasting service.

The 1988 crop year had a dry start on the West Coast with depleted water reservoirs from an unusually dry early winter. Dryness spread to Western plains states in early spring, then set in over the upper Midwest, damaging spring-planted crops.

By April, a persistent high pressure ridge had settled over the Great Plains, causing high temperatures and short rainfall in the central productive US farm belt.

But the Midwest remained dry and hot in June, when the key farm belt states of Iowa, Illinois and Indiana usually have more rain after a scorched April and May.

"There is not a single year in modern history that you can find a dry June after (dry) April and May," Martell said.

Aquino to visit Europe

Filipino troops on full alert

MANILA, June 12, (Reuters): Philippine troops went on a nationwide alert today, the eve of President Corason Aquino's departure for Europe, but the only trouble came from left-wing demonstrators protesting against the US military presence in the Philippines.

Witnesses said about 20 people were hurt when 3,000 rock-throwing demonstrators urged the removal of American military bases from the Philippines broke through a police cordon and charged towards the gates of Clark Air Base, 50 miles (80 kms) north of Manila.

The clash erupted when police

smashed the windows of a truck driven by the protesters.

Aquino, meanwhile, joined 35,000 Filipinos at a colourful independence Day parade of government employees, soldiers and horse-riding film stars at Manila's Rizal Park.

The President will leave tomorrow for a six-day trip to Switzerland and Italy, her second foreign visit in six weeks and fifth in her 30 months in office.

She has survived five coup attempts and has left on all her previous trips amid rumours her Army foes would launch another. The military said a raid

on a military camp yesterday by the so-called "Black Forest Commando" was intended to embarrass Aquino.

Diplomats said Manila hoped to widen its diplomatic horizon and lessen its dependence on the United States.

Aquino is expected to press Swiss officials for the early recovery of at least \$1 billion Manila says deposed President Ferdinand Marcos hid in Swiss bank accounts.

Rally
A Swiss judge last week ordered that banks in the canton of Fribourg return 70 million Swiss francs (\$48.7 million) held

by Marcos to the Philippines.

The Philippines is also trying to recover funds held in the cantons of Zurich and Geneva.

About 4,000 Marcos supporters held a protest rally at a Manila Plaza, demanding the return of the deposed president from exile in Hawaii.

The military said yesterday's raid by the pro-Marcos rebel Army faction "Black Forest Commando" on a Constabulary headquarters was aimed at freeing a jailed colonel known to be loyal to Marcos. Troops fought off the masked raiders, who escaped after stealing 25 guns from an armoury.

Kuomintang's old guard to step down

TAIPEI, Taiwan, June 12, (AP): At least half the members of the ruling Nationalist Party's top policy-making committee will be replaced by younger, native Taiwanese men at a party congress next month, a news report said today.

The mass-circulation China Times quoted Lee Huan, the party's secretary-general, as saying the change in the 31-member central standing committee will help rejuvenate the party leadership, now dominated by members in their 70s and 80s.

Lee did not elaborate on the changes, which he discussed at a recent meeting in Taipei with Prof. Winston Yang of Seton Hall University in New Jersey, the report said.

Lee was not available for comment because of the weekend holiday.

Political observers say the move will bring more native Taiwanese into the influential committee.

Supporters of the late nationalist leader Chiang Kai-Shek have dominated the committee since the nationalists, or Kuomintang, fled to Taiwan in 1949 after losing a civil war in China to communist forces led by Mao Tse-tung.

UNICEF grant

DHAKA, June 12, (Reuters): The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) granted Bangladesh \$135.5 million yesterday for projects to reduce child mortality.

Using Waite as a lure

North planned to kill Khaddafi

WASHINGTON, June 12, (Reuters): Oliver North planned to use British hostage negotiator Terry Waite to lure Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi to his headquarters so he would be killed by US bombs in 1986, according to a book excerpted yesterday.

The book, "Best Laid Plan, the Inside Story of America's War Against Terrorism," written by CBS news reporter David Martin and John Walcott of the Wall Street Journal, details the US air raid against Libya on April 14, 1986. It is excerpted in the current edition of US News and World Report.

According to the authors,

North, then on the staff of the National Security Council, pitched a plan to the White House under which Waite would be asked to go to Tripoli on the day of the attack to seek Khaddafi's help in obtaining the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

Waite, an Anglican church envoy, had no knowledge of the imminent attack. He was later abducted while in Beirut seeking the release of foreign hostages and remains a hostage himself.

North hoped Waite's visit would make Khaddafi decide to spend the night in his compound, where he would be killed in the US raid, the book alleges.

The plan was rejected because

it was an assassination plot and violated US law, according to the excerpt.

Khaddafi was near the area hit the night of the raid, but survived the attack by US F-111 bombers based in Britain. Several others were killed by the bombs, including a 15-month-old girl Khaddafi said he had adopted.

Author Walcott, reached last night, said that the North plan was revealed by officials who helped plot the raid, but he would not identify the sources.

The United States ordered the raid because it said Libya was behind the bombing of a night club in West Berlin that killed two American soldiers.

US embassy won't be moved, predicts Kollek

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 12, (Reuters): A proposal by Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis that the US embassy in Israel be moved to Jerusalem would not be implemented because of Arab pressure, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek has said.

"The embassy ... won't come here anyway because the Arabs have a tremendous amount of blackmail. Even if someone decides to do it, the Arabs will come along and this will be a real prestige fight," Kollek told Israel Radio.

Israel claims Jerusalem as its capital, but most nations keep their diplomatic headquarters in Tel Aviv well away from the disputed holy city.

The 77-year-old mayor said Washington should retract a travel advisory warning Americans to stay away from

Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank.

"There are other things that are more important than the transfer of the embassy," Kollek said.

"The number of tourists from Europe has hardly diminished, but the number of tourists from America has greatly diminished, partly because of this very ill-advised publication of the State Department."

On Friday US Secretary of State George Shultz described Dukakis' proposal to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as "shocking," saying it would ruin Middle East peace efforts.

"It would be a gigantic mistake, and it's shocking that anyone would make such a proposal," Shultz said in a television interview.

'Khomeini in perfect shape'

NICOSIA, June 12, (Reuters): Iran's interior minister dismissed a report that Ayatollah Khomeini was dying, insisting the aged spiritual leader was in perfect shape.

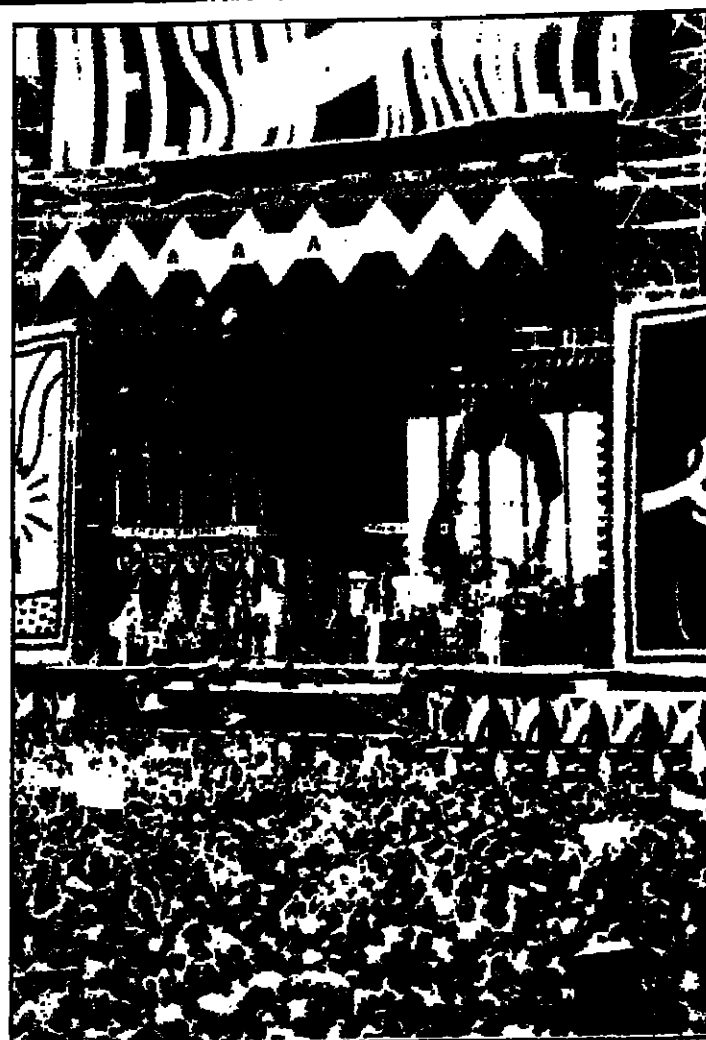
Iran's national news agency IRNA today quoted Ali Akbar Mohtashemi telling the Tehran Times an American CBS television report that Khomeini might have only two or three months to live was part of a plot to cheer his Gulf war enemy Iraq.

Mohtashemi said he had personally met the imam the previous week, IRNA reported, and based on his personal knowledge, the imam is now in perfect shape.

CBS last week quoted intelligence sources saying Khomeini had cancer, which had spread from his prostate to his liver.

Marcos to appeal

GENEVA, June 12, (Reuters): Deposed Philippine President Marcos has decided to appeal against an order by a Swiss judge to send of his wealth back to the Philippines, his lawyer said.



More than 70,000 people watched the Nelson Mandela birthday concert at the Wembley Stadium, London. (Reuters wirephoto)

1 billion people watch Mandela concert

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): A 10-hour rock concert yesterday to celebrate the 70th birthday of jailed black South African nationalist Nelson Mandela was beamed live to an estimated 1,000 million people in 60 nations, organisers said.

"Now the whole world is watching (South African Premier) P.W. Botha," said Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, president of the Anti-apartheid Movement, at the end of the event attended by more than 70,000 people at Wembley Stadium in London.

"Tonight I appeal to him to unlock the doors of the apartheid jails," he said. "The artists of the world have spoken with one voice: 'Free Nelson Mandela.'"

More than 100 musicians including Stevie Wonder, Sting, Dire Straits, Whitney Houston and George Michael appeared at the event, which was screened live in Britain by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Wembley stadium was packed with people dancing and waving placards reading "Happy birthday Nelson." All 72,000 of the seats — £25 (\$45) each — were sold.

Mandela was jailed for treason 24 years ago as head of the African National Congress (ANC), which is now fighting a guerrilla campaign for majority rule in the white-ruled country. Canadian Prime Minister

Brian Mulroney said in a letter of support to the organisers: "Nelson Mandela has been recognised worldwide for his unwavering courage, dignity and his commitment to his people. Today he will take some comfort in the world sharing in his people's burden."

Controversy

The live screening stirred controversy in Britain, where Conservative politicians joined Pretoria in protesting against the coverage, saying the BBC was breaching its code of impartiality by giving publicity to the ANC.

The BBC, the organisers and ANC leader Oliver Tambo have said all money raised will go to Britain's Anti-apartheid Movement and seven charity groups helping children in South Africa.

South African churchman Allan Boesak, speaking to a crowd of some 50,000 people gathered at another Mandela rally in central Amsterdam asked the Dutch government to implement tougher sanctions against his country, including the banning of coal imports and severing of air links.

"We are here today, all of us, to take part in a unique event for a great man, a man who is the leader of South Africa's oppressed black people," American entertainer Harry Belafonte, who is also a UN cultural ambassador, told the audience.

Plans to kill Rajiv and Zia

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their full addresses. Ten of these houses are located in New Delhi, six in Punjab, two in Bombay and one each in Bangalore, Barmar and Srinagar.

Indian documents allege that Pakistani officials had several meetings with Sikh youths and in one such meeting it was said they would kill the Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The Indian government has pinpointed 33 camps in Pakistan where they claim Sikh extremists are being trained. According to Indian claims, these camps are situated in Karachi, Loralai cantonment, Swat, Sialkot, Faisalabad jail and in many other parts of Punjab and North-West Frontier Province.

Indian documents contain several confessions by Sikh extremists claiming that the militants were trained in Pakistan and were supplied with arms to carry out terrorist activities in Punjab. It is also claimed that Sikh youth leaders brought arms in Punjab from a Western country through Pakistan.

According to another confessional statement of a Sikh militant Pakistan was alleged to have forced Sikh separatists to announce the formation of Khalistan from Darbar Sahib.

According to a report on the Indian involvement in Pakistan's affairs a group of trained Indian terrorists was despatched from India to a third country for briefing and then flown to Athens en route to New Delhi on a mission against Pakistani targets during NAM summit. It alleged that Indian intelligence agency RAW also made arrangements to send another group of terrorists from Kabul at the same time.

These groups were directed to contact three persons at Gandhi Market Delhi for assistance. These persons include an exile Pakistani poetess (now back in Pakistan), her husband and one Muslim cloth merchant in Delhi. They were also asked to hijack a Pakistani plane from India to Kabul after assassination of a Pakistani VIP. The members of the group were arrested at Abu Dhabi, the documents say.

Pakistan documents also alleged that in 1983 RAW officials were posted in Indian high commission in London to have a close link with exiled Pakistani politicians. They conceived a plan for widespread acts of sabotage and assassinations in Pakistan.

Documents also claimed senior Indian intelligence officials held discussions with Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, before she left Pakistan in 1986. According to the Pakistani report Indian diplomats in Pakistan made efforts to show that the philosophies pursued by Rajiv and Benazir were identical.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Students clash

SEOUL, June 12, (AP): Waves of students stormed the headquarters of the government party with firebombs and clashed with police throughout the city today during the funeral of a radical who committed ritual suicide.

Hundreds of riot police firing volleys of tear gas drove back the charging students who tried to reach the offices of the Democratic Justice Party (DJP). Screaming students hurled hundreds of firebombs, covering streets with blazing gasoline as running clashes flared across the centre of the city.

Thorny issues

MACKINAC ISLAND, Mich., June 12, (Reuters): Democratic platform writers were set to finish today a draft they hope will help Michael Dukakis win the November election but which may leave two thorny issues unresolved.

Democratic platform writers said two main platform issues dividing the Massachusetts Governor and his Democratic rival, Jesse Jackson — taxes and South Africa — may have to wait for the full platform committee.

Camp fighting

BEIRUT, June 12, (AP): Rival Palestinian factions sniped at each other in Beirut's refugee camps today as Israeli warplanes crashed the sound barrier overhead. The Israeli jets also crashed the sound barrier over eastern and southern Lebanon, but did not carry out any bombing attacks, police reported.

L'Amour dies

LOS ANGELES, (AP): Prolific writer Louis L'Amour, whose popular novels recreated the old West of gunfighters and lawmen, cattle rustlers and horse thieves, has died of lung cancer, relatives said. He was 80. L'Amour died Friday night in his Los Angeles home, said his wife, Kathy.

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Amir briefs cabinet on Arab summit

HH the Amir yesterday briefed the Council of Ministers on the extraordinary Arab summit which ended in the Algerian capital on Thursday and meetings that took place on the fringes of the summit between the Arab leaders on ways of reaching a unified stand on Arab issues, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said.

The Amir, while briefing the extraordinary meeting of the cabinet held at Seif Palace, described the positive spirit which prevailed at the summit, which demonstrated full understanding of the gravity of the situation in the Arab world.

Lauded

Rashed added that the Amir thanked President Chadli Benjedid and other Algerian officials for hosting the historic meeting and working for its success.

The cabinet lauded the results reached at the summit especially its support for the Palestinian

uprising in Israeli occupied territories.

Rashed said the ministers believe that the results of the summit project the feeling of the entire Arab nation.

Fulfil

The Council of Ministers also commended the efforts of the summit in fostering efforts exerted to end the Iraq-Iran war and restoration of peace and stability to the peoples of the region, Rashed said.

While underlining the importance of the Algiers summit and the favourable results it produced, the Council of Ministers hopes these results will fulfil the aspirations and ambitions of the Arab nation and the improvement of the condition of the nation, the minister of state for cabinet affairs said.

After the Amir left, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah chaired the meeting which endorsed the 1988/89 budget for Kuwait Airways Corporation, Deferred Payments Companies Settlements Corporation and the Zakat House.

The council also listened to a report by the Minister of State for Housing Affairs, Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan, on the findings of the technical committee assigned to look into the phenomenon of land caving in at Dhar area. The report attributed the phenomenon to geological reasons.

Rashed said the cabinet approved recommendations of the education, social and health committee to exempt families of some of the deceased from payment of the Savings and Credit Bank loans and endorsed decisions of the Higher Petroleum Council on some issues relating to the situation in the international oil market and ways of securing stability in the market.

Saudi crown prince visits Britain to foster closer ties

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah begins an official visit to Britain on Monday which British govern-

ment sources say is intended to cement his relations with British leaders before he succeeds to the Saudi throne.

Crown Prince Abdullah will hold talks with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe during his four-day stay. He will also lunch with Queen Elizabeth at Windsor Castle and meet the Prince and Princess of Wales twice.

Prepared

The visit by the 64-year-old crown prince, who is also Saudi Arabia's first deputy prime minister, follows one by his elder brother, King Fahd, in March 1987.

Political observers in Riyadh and government sources in London said Crown Prince Abdullah had lately assumed a greater role in foreign relations.

During a visit to the United States last year and at November's Arab summit in Amman he was seen as a skilful political operator on the way to assuming power, they said.

"He is clearly being prepared for the throne, and I am sure this is all part of the process," one government source told Reuters.

Crown Prince Abdullah's country, seeking to warm off threats from Iran, generally enjoys warm ties with Britain.

"The Saudis are looking increasingly to the West for defence arms procurement as part of their muscle-flexing to Iran," the government source said.

Riyadh, a firm ally of Iraq in the Gulf war, broke diplomatic ties with Tehran in April after almost a year of trading insults and accusations following clashes at the Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah last July.

Supplier

Britain's Minister of State for Arms Procurement, Lord Trefgarne, will host a lunch for Crown Prince Abdullah on Wednesday. Ministry of Defence sources said they would discuss arms sales. They could not give any details.



● The Ambassador of the Philippines, Dr Alunan C. Giang (right), receiving guests at a reception he hosted at Kuwait Hilton yesterday on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Egypt, Kuwait to sign cultural agreement

Egypt and Kuwait have agreed to sign a cultural agreement regulating cultural, scientific and technical exchanges including establishment of joint ventures in these fields with the view to promoting cooperation between the two countries.

The agreement to enter in formal commitment and a work programme organising the exchanges was reached during a meeting yesterday between the acting secretary general of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Dr Sulaiman Al Askare and the Egyptian Ambassador, Saeed Rifaat.

The proposed cooperation covers exchange of visits and for-

mative arts exhibitions and cooperation in radio, television, museums and sports and youth affairs. Al Askare who described the meeting as fruitful and promising of a bright future between the two countries, said.

According to Al Askare, the Egyptian ambassador expressed a desire for the exchange of cultural weeks and the hosting of formative arts exhibitions in the two capitals and a proposal to set up joint investment companies in the cultural and artistic fields.

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Members of the public are requested not to send registered letters containing the above-mentioned to Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Communications, has announced the extension of Muntaz Post Service from June 15 to include People's Republic of China.

Education council

RIYADH, June 12, (KUNA): The executive council of the Arab Education Bureau of the Gulf countries will begin its 24th ordinary session here on Monday.

The council will discuss during its session reports on achievements accomplished by the bureau during the past fiscal year.

The council will also tackle different issues related to its activities in the fields of education and science.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received head of the National Guard Sheikh Salem Al Ali Al Sabah and Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of the Philippines, on the occasion of the country's National Day.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Tackling Arab summit from different angles

KUWAIT local dailies yesterday tackled, from different angles, the extraordinary Arab summit that was convened in Algiers.

Al Watan noted that the summiters did not tackle the public role in supporting the uprising and countering external threats, adding that without public support, "the present and the future" will remain to be threatened.

The paper wondered why the appeal by the leadership of the uprising for opening "borders" to facilitate commando operations was not discussed during the summit deliberations.

Al Rai Al Am said although the final communiqué of the summit was comparatively "good", some subjects remained untouched. It wondered why the bottom line which defines the PLO-Jordanian relation and Egypt's return to the Arab fold were not tackled.

Noting that the Middle East problem is "now semi frozen", the paper pointed out that the PLO can now "play in the injury time" and escalate the uprising after it (the organisation) got most what it asked for.

KD150,000 set aside to help victims of uprising

THE head of the charity committee in support of the Palestinians and Lebanese yesterday stated that KD150,000 (around \$0.5 million) has been set aside to help those affected by the uprising.

Advocate Mubarak Al Muttawa explained that first payment of the amount has already been made and the rest would be sent in consecutive payments.

The committee is actively collecting donations from locals to support the ongoing Palestinian uprising, he said, adding that active Zakat committees in the occupied lands, topped by those in Nablus, Jenin, Halhoul and Jerusalem, are channelling the financial support.

On important projects undertaken by the committee in occupied Palestine, advocate Muttawa indicated that beside two mosques in Hebron and

Jerusalem, the committee operates a clinic in the occupied city and is running mobile health units to treat patients and victims in villages and camps of the occupied West Bank.

In addition, he said, the committee is supporting 31 Palestinian families in Nablus suburbs by paying them a monthly allowance of KD40 and hoped the scheme would be expanded to include more families.

Muttawa called upon Muslims in Kuwait to donate generously towards supporting the steadfast Palestinian people in fighting Israel's occupation.

Meanwhile, an executive committee member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation was quoted yesterday as stating that chairman Yasser Arafat would shortly visit Jordan.

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EVENTS

INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

By Fathima Ahmed

A TRUE story of an American woman who gives up her children for adoption after learning about her fatal illness touched many hearts when it was reported by the US media some years ago. Realising that her husband, a cripple, cannot care for her children she placed them in good homes. Years later, the children were reunited for a TV show called *That's Incredible*. Bombay filmmaker Vishwamitra has based his film, *Mere Baad*, on this story. The credit, however, goes to Suraj Sanim.

The separation must have been a traumatic experience for the family, particularly for the mother. The Hindi film version touches it briefly, with a fleeting reference to trauma. Vishwamitra goes by the book of Indian celluloid tragedy tradition — the weeper the better. So, anguish is replaced by father Sagar's (Anupam Kher) bitterness. After Sagar's accident, he goes into a bar and tries to take a drink while callous individuals laugh at his plight.

Yet, there are moments that affect you deeply, when Vidya (Raakhee) learns of her illness and tells her husband, who is stunned by the misfortune. Vidya's children leave home, one by one, creating a vacuum in the couple's life. Only Meenu, the eldest girl, understands her family's dilemma. The rest are too young. Yet, Sanim's story overlooks Meenu's role, restricting it to a few tearful sequences and a song. Meenu is placed in a wealthy home, where her adopted mother "treats her like a servant." Again, there is a Hindi-film touch when two children are put in the care of pickpockets and are caught by the police, injecting needless melodrama.

Despite flaws, *Mere Baad*, is a schmaltzy tale. Vishwamitra

A schmaltzy tale

Raakhee and Anupam Kher with Sohini, who plays Meenu, in *Mere Baad*

manages to put in touches that move you, no matter how strong a person you are. For the weak-hearted there is scope to soak sheets.

Raakhee's interpretation of Vidya, given the constraints of the script, is credible, evoking much sympathy for a woman who knows she is going to die.

Incidentally, *Mere Baad* is digestible because of the absence of the usual doses of

violence, which abound in Ram Avtar. The title has no religious connotations. Ram and Avtar are two friends. Director Sunil Hingorani (two films old — *Karishma* Kurat Ka and *Ram Avtar*) in a recent interview said: "There's never anything different about the story of a Hindi film. It's the treatment that makes a film different." Hingorani could not have described his film better. And treatment? Well, it is no better either.

Ram Avtar, Hingorani said, is a love story. On screen, it seems like a classic example of misunderstanding, well, almost. The idea, it seems, is that if you can't get Ram (Sunny Deol) you get Avtar (the incarnation in the shape of Anil Kapoor). But the trouble is that both Ram and Avtar are "battered" individuals who disregard the girl's feeling they both claim to love. Sridevi completes the rift triangle.

The girl loves Ram, who plays the sacrificial lamb, slaughtering her on Avtar's altar. He plays the dumb playboy with a dozen girls hidden in his closet — mind you, this is just to divert attention from the focal point — love. The girl falls for the play, and promptly marries Avtar, who indulges in euphoria. Happiness can't last long, particularly in a love-tri triangle. So, there

is dissension.

Someone — the villain, of course — tells Avtar that his wife had an affair. The love balloon bursts. So, in a corny sequence, the wife apologises for the "dirt spots on your tie". So, he replies: "The dirt on the tie can be washed, but the filth in a woman's life cannot be removed." It is one thing to talk about ties, it is another when you are discussing a woman's feelings. Here, Hingorani displays a total lack of respect for women in general, comparing them to inanimate objects, reducing them to unfeeling "things". Yet, in Hindi films, few women raise an eyebrow playing "the thing".

Yet, the stormy marital feud does not affect the proverbial friendship between Ram and Avtar, who are childhood buddies. If all friends were as sincere, there would be no dissension. This surprise twist, supposed to create waves, leaves you cold.

Sridevi, who is reportedly dieting, has lost much of her charm and sizzle. Anil Kapoor and Sunny Deol are not due for any awards for playing the title roles. Hingorani has said their "performances stand out like hell." Like hell they do — they stick out like sore thumbs. Dialogue writers are adept at creating catch phrases. In *Pyaar Mohabbat* it is "wong, ching,

pong." Don't ask me what language that is. It could be a new lingo in the making, and we haven't heard about this versatile language. The phrase applies to everything from sex and romance to hatred and rivalry, and is mounted by that master of the absurd, Shakti Kapoor.

Along with the deterioration of dialogue, lyrics also go downhill with abusive words like "harahi" used generously in songs. Kader Khan, as dialogue writer, was responsible for introducing them to films. Perhaps he has become lyricist too. In *Pyaar Mohabbat*, it is supposed to be comedy.

The film itself is about the eternal lost and found theme: "20 year" separation with both mother and son filling tears with tears, a draconian sister-in-law and so on and so forth. It could drive you up the wall or send you out in the desert to find a remedy for permanent mental stability.

Mandakani plays the romantic lead opposite the jumping jack, Govinda. Kader Khan, out to prove his acting inability plays the double role of a villain and comedian. Raakhee is the mother who is responsible for reducing the tear shortage.

The above films are by courtesy of Adhavi Video, Main St. Fawcett. Tel: 4712900.

Sridevi with Avtar (Anil Kapoor) in *Ram Avtar*

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

British Council

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10:30 am on June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approx. Duration: 145 minutes.

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

SOCIAL

Eid Reunion

An Eid Reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718157, 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate Onam on Aug. 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala

racial arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Pereumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

D'Aasiel Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-entertainment on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am), 3717345 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

Saz aur Awaz

An Indian music group presents "Geeton Bhari Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funaitees, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 or 5638026 after 5 pm.

United Goans Centre

The UGC will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

HOTELS

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays; the buffet features grilled specialties. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arab and Continental cuisine.

The Darbar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Sheraton

Dine in the Hunt Room with live music by the Trio Paradise. For lunch Hunt room offers a la carte.

Treasures of the Deep specialties are offered in Al Hambra on Wednesday night with music by the World Machine Band.

At the Meridian

Versailles is open daily for lunch and dinner featuring Continental cuisine. Business lunch with three choices daily also offered. Live entertainment in the evening.

Al Fingan Tea Lounge in the lobby features coffee, tea and fruit juice; musical entertainment in the evening; plus traditional pipe smoking.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro
Al Sahiya
Closed
Al Hamra
A'ad Liyantaqam (Arabic)
Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Imaan

Drive-In
Laila Al Kabz Ala Bakaiza Wa Zaghoul (Arabic)
Starring: Suhair Babli, Issad Yunus
Al Firdous
Daku Rani (Hindi)
Starring: Madhavi, Sudarshan
Fabehel Open-Air
Gopi (Hindi)
Al Fahahel
Wise Guys

Al Jahra
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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons: Rahlat Haul Al Aam
10.00 Good Morning
10.15 Shaqqah Bidoun Saqqaf: Arabic serial, starring Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz
11.00 News Summary
11.15 Ila Abi Wa Ammi Ma Tahya: featuring Hayat Al Fahd, Khalid Al Nafisi
12.15 Treasures of the Gulf
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.30 Al Bahloul: featuring Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qassas
3.35 Bill and Sebastian: cartoons
4.20 Football: Kuwait vs Malaysia. Replay of Asia Cup match in 1980
6.00 Mama Anisa and children
7.15 Alwan
7.35 Quran and Science: Alam Al Bahar. Prepared and presented by Dr. Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim
8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily serial, starring: Mohammad Saeed Shirin, Zuhair Numani
9.00 News Summary
9.50 Riffat Al Hijjan Arabic serial. Starring: Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Yusra
11.30 Al Eyb: Arabic film.



Tonight's Arabic film on KTV1 features Madiha Kamel.

Starring: Laila Abdul Aziz, Rushdi Abaza, Madiha Kamel
12.15 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Wildfire: "The Name is the Game." Cartoons

Jessica Fletcher (Angela Lansbury) is asked to investigate a murder in Cabot Cove in tonight's episode of *Murder, She Wrote*, 8.40 pm, KTV2.

6.30 Scuba World: "Yachts of the Caribbean." A look at diving in the Caribbean.

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events.

7.30 Mr. Belvedere: "Deportation." Wesley is caught cheating in class.

8.00 News in English
8.40 Murder. She Wrote: "Harbinger of Death." A murder in Cabot Cove is cause for concern for Jessica, who is called in to assist in investigating it.

9.30 National Geographic: "Miraculous Machines." A look at computer systems and their applications.

10.30 Pokerface: start of a new series about a 40-year-old alcoholic, Crawley, whose marriage is disintegrating and a boss

11.30 News in Brief
11.40 News in Brief
11.50 News in Brief
12.00 News in Brief

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 Science Journal
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Songs and Music
0915 Writers and Their Works
0930 Radio Magazine Supplement
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1100 Closedown
1.30 News on FM Service

Evening

2100 Opening
2102 Bits and Bytes
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Facts About Zionism
2215 Magazine Special
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Fell Mail
2400 Closedown

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behrten Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Islamiyat: Daur-e-Hazir
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Hamare Mehman
2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newswire
30 Religious Service
0100 News Summary followed by After Henry
30 Four Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (ex 27th The Racing Game)
45 A Schubert Anthology
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 People's Choice
30 Science in Action
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Good Books
30 Anything Goes
0400 News
30 Behind the Wall
45 Reflections
50 Waveguide
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Notebook
45 Recording of the Week
0600 News
30 Pillars of British Society
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Cops to Cocaine
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Behind the Wall
30 Anything Goes
0900 World News

09 British Press Review
15 Good Books
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 People's Choice
1000 News Summary followed by Pillars of British Society
30 The Vintage Chart Show
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Sportsworld (ex 13th Tech Talk; 27th New Ideas)
25 (27th only) Book Choice
30 The Ken Bruce Show
1200 Radio Newswire
15 Brain of Britain 1988
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
ALL TIMES GMT

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1500 Easy Listening
1700 Latin American Hour
1800 Pops
1900 Heiter Skelter
2000 Pops
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Jazz Sound
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

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A talk with Harry Benson

Photographing celebrities for history

CHURCHILL and the Royal Family were his frequent subjects for the London Daily Express. At the world chess championship in Iceland, he managed the feat of being a friend to both Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky. Johnny Carson took time on his own wedding day to recommend him to Joe Namath, who would do deep knee bends for Harry.

He had Muhammad Ali in chains as a Bicentennial "slave." And he's been on comfortable terms with names like Elke Sommer and Henry Kissinger to all the US First Families for 30 years. Such are a few items in the legend of photojournalist Harry Benson.

"I don't want timeless pictures, I'm after what gets the essence of the moment — for

One of the world's 'hottest' photographers for years, Harry Benson is a charming Scot whose pictures from Birmingham to Baghdad appear often in Life, People, Sports Illustrated, and Vogue.

A Fleet Street veteran who travelled with the Beatles, Harry's forte is famous and difficult personalities.

Here are some of his best-known photos and a first-hand story on each of them.

history," Harry spoke earnestly with charging Scots touches in the Bensons' gracious home high above Manhattan. "I want pictures people will look at, not artistic puzzles. Would you like more tea?"

"Growing up in Glasgow during the war, with all the stirring speeches and getting bombed and all, I was close to the news, and began wanting to photograph famous people in the centre of things."

So from pro soccer goalkeeping and wedding photography in Scotland, he landed jobs on Fleet Street, then covered the Paris peace talks for Life; uprisings in Hungary, the Congo war, and Dominican Republic insurrection for the Daily Express.

Shooting the Beatles' tour in 1964, Harry stayed on in the US, steadily establishing himself as one of the world's foremost celebrity photographers. His special reputation is for expertise with famous personalities who are difficult to get to or extra hard to handle.

"I really like just about everybody I've ever photographed," says Harry, "but I don't try to become instant friends with them. I see some of them socially, but I think you have to maintain a certain distance so

as to stay objective — and not be manipulated.

Even in the closest one-on-one situation, there has to be a 'road away' for both photographer and subject. When I'm with one of these people — perhaps once in a lifetime — the few minutes there are to get the picture are like gold.

So you have to size things up and find a middle ground very fast. Then you have to take command and tell them exactly what you want, watching all the time for the revealing instant. You've got to be prepared for the unexpected, but if you go in there with nothing in mind, that's what you'll likely come out with — nothing!

Harry's approach to this work? "Get to the centre of it. Cut away the excess and get right to the core in an image you can build around." And even with such unflattering though great shots as his Greta Garbo at Antigua, "I never mean to be a cruel paparazzi type. No cheap shots; that's wrong. But ever since I was a boy, I'd heard about the beauty of 'the great Garbo,' and there she was in the water in front of me. I had to take it."

Most important factors in making his pictures? "Concentration: You wake up in the morning, and that's all you're thinking about. I always go in 'with my revolvers out,' ready for anything. In fact, I make my best pictures when I'm 'mad' — really worked up. You must never get carried away or let yourself be over-awed. That's why in this business an older, settled photographer is better. It's also important to be mobile — and as unobtrusive as possible." Harry thus travels light whenever he can, say "no more than a camera with three lenses and a few rolls of film in my pocket."

These would probably be one of his XD-11's with Winder, 35mm, normal, and 75-200mm Rokkors. For film he likes Tri-X and Kodachrome 64. "Most of my covers have been shot around 100mm. You've got to be able to depend on your equipment. I've used Minoltas for years and take them for granted."

Suggestions for readers? "I think the days of just cute little snapshots are over. People now are much more sophisticated — know what good photos are and want to take them of their own families. To me, photography is serious business, recording moments.

You've got to hold the



"They'd flown Martin Luther King, Jr.'s body home to Atlanta from Memphis where he'd been shot and were lowering it from the plane. I looked up, and for just a fleeting instant his widow and children were all grouped together (opposite) watching the coffin. I was set for sunlight, and they were well in shadow, but I twisted the lens wide open from f/11 while getting the camera up and made the shot. In the next frame they were gone. This one tells me exactly what I'm in the business for. It's a picture I'm particularly proud of."

camera aggressively — not roughly but firmly — with confidence; that way you'll take better pictures."

Despite success that has made him quite a celebrity himself, Harry realises: "You can't do exciting things, bit stories all the time," and for challenge and discipline, he often shoots new subjects from fashion to furniture to keep from getting blasé, too good to do ordinary jobs.

Home from the tension of work on the newsfronts and with touchy big names, Harry

likes to just relax around his apartment, watch TV, and do ordinary things, enjoying his two young daughters. And "if it weren't for my wife Gigi," he readily admits, "I wouldn't know if I'm catching a plane for Paducah or the Arabian Gulf!"

Harry doesn't think about his best pictures or many award-winners like John Mitchell and friends celebrating that first acquittal, but would like to go back over the past 30 years and retake one he didn't do so well.

"Sometimes," he says,

"something like the assassination of Bobby Kennedy comes back to me in the middle of the night. I kept right on shooting and people were shouting, 'How can you do it? Get out of here!' — but that's what I'm there for, not just to take nice pictures."

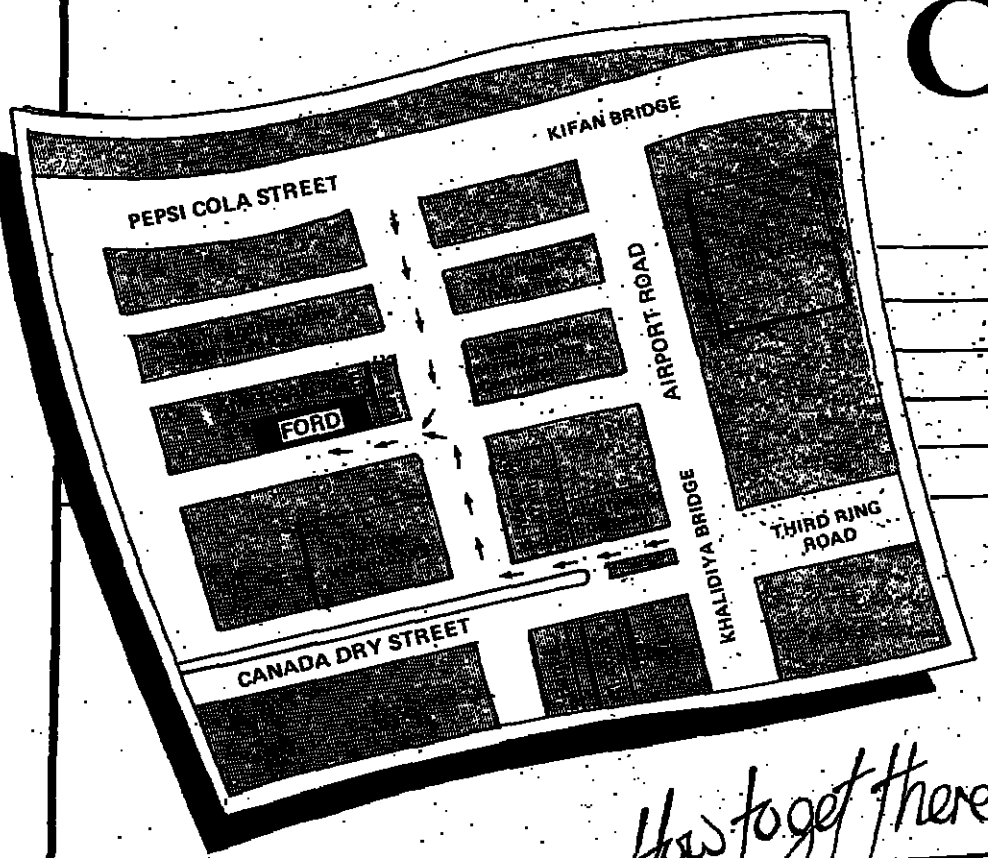
That was probably the most harrowing experience of my life, but there again I was thinking: "I can't let this go. Absolutely, I'm a tool of history. It's out of my hands — for posterity." You know what I mean?

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ONE is easily fooled by that which one loves — Moliere, French actor-playwright (1622-1673).

OPINION

Hassan's concept of Arab unity

KING HASSAN of Morocco, whose term in office has been characterised by the overcoming of catastrophes and adapting to difficult situations, undoubtedly had gone to the emergency Arab summit with concepts other than those declared in the summit resolutions.

The Moroccan monarch was the first Arab to stress that the Arab world would not be able to face the co-ordinated international campaigns against the Arabs if they did not close ranks, achieve unity, and work within a unified framework. The methodology for achieving these terms of reference, he believed, would be to form three collective and socially homogenous communities — namely, one with the states of Arab peninsula, the other with the states of Arab east and the third consisting of states of Arab Maghreb. These three bodies, he suggested, should have representatives who would form one council empowered to create a framework of joint economic co-ordination and bring about unified political decisions.

In the King's view, the Arab world is quite capable of emerging as an economic force. On his visit to Algeria, along with his top government aides, he amply demonstrated that his political acumen during his rule had contributed towards stability in his country, opening the doors of his country to the rest of the world and making Morocco the gateway to the Arab Maghreb. In Algeria, the King reflected in his talks the positive role that the Arab Maghreb countries can play, by doing away with border problems and non-intervention in the internal affairs of others.

His thinking, acquired through long years at the helm of power, reflects that there is nothing more important than good neighbourliness and building up of bridges of co-operation — especially when this co-operation is founded upon logic, trust and a genuine desire to see a unified Arab front. Obviously, he believes, and is convinced, that the people of the Arab Maghreb are socially and geographically identical and this forms the very basis for a sound environment for creating a force to be reckoned with.

The world will witness in 1992 the strengths of the unity among the EEC members. This would cause adverse results for the weaker nations bordering Europe. The Moroccan gate that has been wisely opened to the rest of the world, is the ideal gate for the world to pass through to the rest of Arab Maghreb countries — undoubtedly, this would require the experience of Moroccan diplomacy.

The meeting of the leaders of the five Arab Maghreb countries is the evidence of King Hassan's search for achieving unity and charting a future course of co-operation. The people of Maghreb affirmed their desire to have such co-operation by awarding him a warm and festive welcome. We are noticing the beginning of a new era as envisaged by King Hassan — a united Arab world under three major blocks.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Old notions of left and right are neither accurate nor workable

Americans in need of new ideological compass

By Norman Cousins

WASHINGTON: The American people may be in need of a new ideological compass. Old notions of left and right are neither accurate nor workable, especially in this presidential election year. From within both political parties one hears reports that the strategists are advising certain candidates to tilt this way or that — toward liberalism or conservatism. But the traditional definitions of political identification have been bent all out of shape.

In the 20th century, the Republican Party has been fundamentally "conservative" and the Democratic Party fundamentally "liberal." The Republican articles of faith emphasize minimal government control, a balanced budget, a strong dollar, and a favourable balance of trade. The Democrats are identified with comprehensive government programmes, especially in social welfare, even though these may lead to deficit spending.

After eight years under Ron-

ald Reagan, Republicans still regard themselves as the party of the right, but the identifying markers are no longer recognisable. First of all, the federal deficit has grown more than under all preceding administrations combined. The dollar no longer is the standard currency bearer in the world and is accompanied by an unfavourable balance of trade. Military spending is largely responsible for the deficits, but it has produced neither a corresponding increase in the national security nor an economic bonanza. The term "welfare state" has been an anathema in Republican theology, but it is descriptive today of massive government underwriting of defence-related industry.

Criticized

Government-supported welfare activities have been criticized by conservatives, not solely because of cost to the taxpayers, but because of the slovenly habits they foster. Loss of initiative, crippling dependency, inefficiency, moral erosion — these are among the deadly sins associated with wel-

fare. But if we read the reports of the General Accounting Office carefully, we find that welfareism has shifted from the social to the industrial sector. These reports tell of tens of billions of dollars flowing to defence contractors without proper value being received by the American people. The mis-spending involves flawed weapons systems that have continued in production despite notifications of defects by government inspectors.

Budget

The reports also tell of sham competitive bidding, falsified charges, blatant padding of expense accounts, and outright fraud. Crimes have been cited, but no one has gone to jail. The names of companies involved in the cheating scandals have been publicly identified and contracts have been suspended, but after a few months the contracts are restored. Military spending in many cases has turned into open welfare.

The President has publicly noted extra food stamps coming into possession of some relief recipients, but little has been said

about taxpayers picking up the tab for expensive executive dining rooms, or for country club charges, or for kennel fees, or for advertising and promotion that have nothing to do with defence.

Meanwhile, almost as a reflex action, the Democratic Party is now in the unfamiliar position of calling for a balanced budget and for shoring up the value of the dollar. In terms of foreign policy, the Democratic Party still feels it is under the McCarthy onus of being soft on communism, which has led it in previous administrations to take drastic and ill-advised military initiatives and involvements — costly involvements from which Republican presidents had to extricate the country. Another paradox is to be found in the fact that Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan were able to make greater progress in improving relations with the two major communist nations than any of their Democratic predecessors were.

Even as strategists for both parties seek to outmanoeuvre each other, neither party is addressing the country's overrid-

ing economic crisis. Foreign nations — Japan and West Germany in particular — are out-producing the United States and are using the capital generated by their production successes to acquire ownership not just of American corporations but of American real estate. Attempts have been made to minimize this development, but the trend line of foreign holdings in the US commands serious attention.

Capitalism

The essence of capitalism is the use of money to make money. The US has advertised itself as the world's prime capitalist nation, but no country in the 20th century has been more proficient in converting high productivity into dynamic capital investment than Japan.

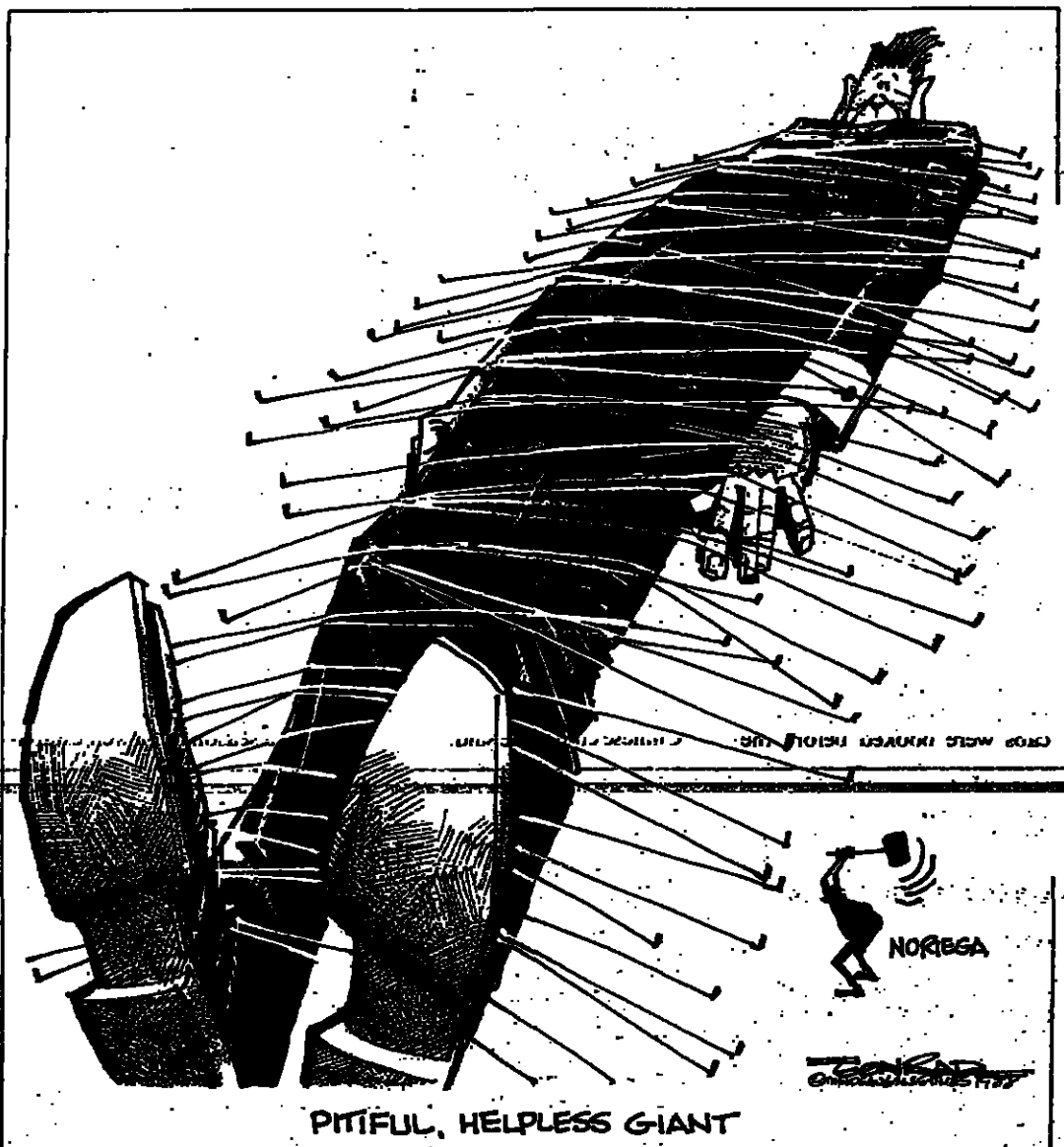
In terms of the old ideological definitions, not just inside but outside the US, everything that has supposedly been nailed down is coming loose. The field is wide open for a presidential candidate who can ask the right questions, steer clear of the stale semantics of right and left, and define a course based on the

requirements of a free society in a volatile world.

What is the basis of genuine national security? What are the obligations in the world arena that nations must accept if nuclear war is to be averted? How can peace be institutionalised? How do we use our vast resources — not just natural resources but the resources lodged in the human brain — to restore a fully productive and creative economy? How do we keep the seas from becoming an international sewer and the skies from being poisoned? How do we upgrade not just our industrial establishment but the conditions of life for millions of Americans — not just because it would make a healthier nation but because it is the right thing to do?

The political campaign so far has not been bereft of posturing and mumbling. The election campaign provides an opportunity for a man who wants to be president to sound like a president.

The Christian Science Monitor, News Service.



By Eloy O. Aguilar

PANAMA CITY, (AP): The United States made serious mistakes in its efforts to get rid of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, in the opinion of some Latin America diplomats and members of the Panamanian opposition.

One mistake, they say privately, is the close relationship that Washington maintains with a deposed president no one — inside or outside Panama — recognizes.

After Noriega deposed Eric Arturo Delvalle in February when the president tried to fire him as head of the defence forces, Delvalle went underground to lead the fight against Noriega.

His family took refuge in the US Ambassador's residence and Delvalle himself appears to spend much of his time there. He often meets there with English-speaking journalists who are asked not to disclose the location.

At other times, according to sources who asked not to be named, Delvalle hides out at US military installations in Panama.

The US embassy in Panama does not grant political asylum.

Warrant

In the eyes of some Latin American diplomats, this amounts to harbouring a wanted man. The Panamanian government has an arrest warrant out for Delvalle for exceeding his authority, but does not appear to be actively pursuing him.

US officials deny the deposed president is living at the ambassador's residence, but admit he has been there on occasion.

US role in Panama alienating opposition

None of the opposition parties in Panama recognize Delvalle as the legitimate president. Many consider him a one-time Noriega puppet who replaced another Noriega puppet, Ardito Barletta, winner of elections in 1984 that even US officials called fraudulent at the time.

Delvalle, who was Barletta's vice-president, often is ridiculed by Panamanians across the political spectrum and never had a large following.

Shared

The United States first tried economic sanctions, after declaring the National Assembly acted illegally when it removed Delvalle. Washington also ordered US companies in Panama, under penalty of fine and imprisonment of their officers, not to pay taxes to the Panamanian government.

The opposition, which felt the United States had no right to remove Noriega's tight grip on power, approved at first, even though the sanctions helped plunge the nation into economic chaos.

Some even spoke openly of the need for the United States to get rid of Noriega by force.

But the sanctions failed to dislodge Noriega and disapproval of the US role began to grow. It mounted, when Washington began direct negotiations with Noriega, bypassing the Panamanian opposition.

State Department officials have met with Noriega, offering him ultimatums, deals, even money, to leave the country. Noriega, once a close US ally, rejected all offers.

Dr Ricardo Arias Calderon, leader of the opposition Christian Democrat Party, said recently that the United States "acts guided by its interests and not those of the people of Panama."

Some Latin American countries, without defending Noriega, see the US role as a blatant and offensive kind of "big brother" interventionism that is abhorred in Latin America.

The United States aggravated those fears when it rushed more than 1,500 soldiers in to beef up security at the Panama Canal and US military bases at the height of the confrontation with Noriega.

The United States has more than 10,000 people stationed at its 10 military installations in Panama.

"You might say they removed their masks," a South American diplomat, who asked not to be identified, said of the United States.

The United States openly defies the Panamanian government, as well as Noriega personally. When Panama declared a US official persona non grata, for example, and ordered him out of the country, the US government refused to comply.

Jim Wright used to controversy

By Robert Green

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Jim Wright, whose soft Texas drawl and cordial manner mask the toughness of an ex-boxer, has had a contentious 18 months since he became speaker of the House of Representatives.

Friday's announcement by the House Ethics Committee that it would look into conflict of interest charges against Wright was the latest in a series of political controversies involving the 65-year-old Democrat from Fort Worth.

Wright was elected by majority Democrats as 48th speaker of the House in January, 1986 following the retirement of Thomas O'Neill. That made him America's top elected Democrat and its third-ranking public official, after the president and vice-president.

Since then he has clashed often with President Reagan and with congressional Republicans who accuse him of bringing more political partisanship to his office than did O'Neill or other recent predecessors.

Inquiry

House officials said the preliminary investigation announced by the Ethics Committee on Friday was believed to be the first inquiry into a speaker's ethics in this century.

It is based on a Republican-authored complaint that Wright calls pure politics.

"I don't think there's any question but that they are politically motivated," he told reporters.

The charges allege that Wright broke house rules by not disclosing his financial interest in a number of actions he took on behalf of firms in his home state of Texas.

They also question the fact

that he got unusually high 55 per cent royalties on a book published by a printer who got money for Wright campaign work.

Wright, scheduled to spend much time in the public eye next month as chairman of the Democratic presidential nominating convention in Atlanta, said he was confident he would be cleared of all charges.

He stands in the eye of the political cyclone in Congress because the House Speaker — unlike the leader of many other parliamentary bodies — is also the chief of his party and takes a partisan role in setting the House legislative agenda.

Complained

Republicans have long complained — but more bitterly under Wright — that Democrats run the chamber with little regard for the minority party's rights. Democrats have controlled the House for 43 of the last 47 years.

Elected to Congress in 1954 from Fort Worth, Texas, Wright was majority leader for 10 years before becoming speaker.

His major legislative goal this term was passage of a sweeping trade bill Reagan vetoed in late May. The House overrode the veto but the Senate sustained it, and killed it.

Wright is known for having a temper and once grabbed California Republican Dan Lungren during a 1985 argument on the House floor.

If Wright had wanted to fight, he would have been a formidable opponent. He was a "Golden Gloves" amateur boxer and once taught boxing to a young fellow named Larry Hagman, who went into acting and is now J.R. Ewing of "Dallas" fame.

Wright and his first wife had four children. They divorced and he remarried in 1972.

Upsurge in attacks

Somali rebels seek credibility

By Robert Powell

NAIROBI, (Reuters): An upsurge in rebel attacks in northern Somalia reflects a drive by the Somali National Movement (SNM) to prove it can prosecute its campaign against the government without support from Ethiopia.

Within the last two weeks SNM guerrillas have brought life to a standstill in two northern towns, forcing an emergency evacuation of foreigners from the region.

Europeans airlifted from Somalia last week reported more than 1,000 people killed in Hargeisa, the northern capital and scene of the most serious fighting since Somalia and Ethiopia signed a pact in April to end Addis Ababa's backing for the rebels.

"They wanted to launch an all-out attack to establish their credibility now that Ethiopia has pulled the plug out," one Western diplomat in Nairobi told Reuters.

Until two months ago, the SNM and another rebel movement, the Somali Salvation Democratic Front received strong but discreet support from Ethiopia, which has a long-running border dispute with Somalia.

Base

The rebel movements shared a radio station which broadcast from Ethiopia and the SNM had a rearguard base in the northeastern Ethiopian town of Dire Dawa.

But with Eritrean and Tigrayan rebels giving Marxist Ethiopia enough problems of its own, the Addis Ababa government agreed on April 3 to normalise ties with Somalia. The two fought a border war in 1977-78 and hostilities have continued ever since.

The immediate effect of the April 3 agreement was a demilitarisation of the Ethiopia-Somalia border and a commit-

ment that both governments would refrain from supporting each other's guerrilla enemies.

Radio Hargeisa, the Somali rebel radio station, suddenly fell silent. Regional analysts thought the agreement marked a downturn in the ability of the guerrillas to sustain their campaign against the 19-year rule of President Mohamed Siad Barre.

Diplomats say the SNM, dominated by the northwestern Isaaq clan, resents the fact that the Barre government is dominated by his immediate family and the Marehan clan from central Somalia.

But SNM denies its guerrilla campaign, centred in the rugged mountains of northwestern Somalia, is a tribal war.

Attacks

Until two weeks ago, SNM offensives amounted to guerrilla attacks on military outposts and occasional publicity stunts, such as the kidnapping of 10 French aid workers from a refugee camp near the Ethiopian frontier in January 1987.

The hostages were released a few days later in Addis Ababa.

But on May 27 the SNM launched a full-scale military attack on Burao, an administrative centre 180 km (110 miles) east of Hargeisa.

Four days later it launched a similar attack on Hargeisa itself and heavy fighting has continued in the region ever since.

The Somali government says the fighting amounts to no more than "suicide attacks" by bands of "terrorists".

The SNM now claims to control the whole of Hargeisa town and its airport, along with Burao and other towns in northwestern Somalia. But it admits that government forces still hold the port of Berbera, where the United States has air and naval facilities.

Diplomats in East Africa are sceptical about the rebel claims

and say fighting is still going on throughout the northwest, with government forces apparently gaining the upper hand thanks to superior fire power.

"They are still massacring each other happily, but our indication is that if anything the Army has the upper hand," one Nairobi based diplomat said on Thursday.

"What it looks like is that the SNM launched a very military style campaign with equipment which had been stored up across the border," the diplomat said.

"They did extremely well in that classical start to the battle, when casualties on the Army side were very high," he added.

But the diplomat said the rebels simply could not match the Army in equipment and were apparently having to "cede ground as a result."

Mexican politics

A candidate with everything, but no chance to win

By Candice Hughes

MEXICO CITY, (AP): Quauhtemoc Cardenas has charisma, draws crowds and has two of the most famous names in Mexican history.

He has just about everything a presidential candidate could want — except a realistic chance of winning.

Despite this, Cardenas is galvanizing the normally moribund and cynical world of Mexican politics.

This maverick's bid for a six-year lease on Los Pinos, the presidential palace, has helped open fissures and fractures in the base upon which the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party has rested comfortably for generations.

Cardenas is matched against Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the 40-year-old technocrat who is the hand-picked candidate of the ruling party's inner circle.

But this year's race isn't about winning and losing. The ruling party, known as the PRI, hasn't lost a presidential, gubernatorial or senatorial contest since its inception in 1929 and is not expected to do so on July 6.

The race is about the national mood after a steady erosion of PRI loyalty and in a time of economic crisis that has lasted throughout President Miguel de la Madrid's term.

The intense pressure from Cardenas on the left, coupled with that from National Action Party candidate Manuel Clouthier on the right, may force genuine change on the PRI, many analysts and commentators say.

Cardenas is a political hand's dream. He has experience, he has the ability to stir crowds without stooping to demagoguery and he and his family are photogenic. He also has the proven ability to weather seathing attacks from the pro-government media, and both of his names are heavy with symbolism.

His father was Lazaro Cardenas, the beloved reformist president for the PRI, who carried out sweeping land reform and nationalized Mexico's oil in 1938, ushering in what is called the "golden age" of modernization. Quauhtemoc was Mexico's last Aztec emperor.

Cardenas has been extraordinarily successful at tapping a rich vein of dissatisfaction with the status quo.

He draws large crowds, even in comparison to the carefully organized PRI rallies. Rapt

audiences listen to speeches that sometimes resemble an almost scholarly discourse — then erupt in cheers and applause.

"El pueblo esta contigo," they chanted at a recent rally. "The people are with you."

The Cardenas message is populist and nationalist. PRI, he says, has abandoned the 1910-1921 Mexican revolution's goals of social justice and economic equality. Instead, he charges, it caters to foreign interests and the prosperous Mexican elite that "collaborates" with them.

Cardenas, 54, a PRI senator for many years and former governor of the central state of Michoacan, broke away from the ruling party last year after it rebuffed his demands for primary elections and other reforms.

His campaign under the banner of a coalition called the National Democratic Front steadily gained momentum, despite what the opposition has described as serious problems getting equal media access.

The Cardenas momentum finally swept the left, or at least most of it, into a unified front, long an elusive goal in Mexican politics.

"I can see that the people of Mexico desire change, but not as profound, as radical as we are offering in the Mexican Socialist Party," said Heberto Castillo, after abandoning his own socialist candidacy this week in favour of Cardenas. "Because of this, they have turned to Cardenas."

In the platform hammered out with the Socialists, the nation's largest opposition group after National Action, both Cardenas and the party softened their positions on several key issues, including Mexico's staggering foreign debt of \$100 billion.

The new platform calls for suspending payments under the current terms, instead of a total moratorium.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1546 — Protestant princes of Germany denounce Council of Trent.
- 1547 — Hungary and Turkey sign five-year truce.
- 1653 — British fleet defeats Dutch off North Foreland.
- 1721 — England joins Treaty of Madrid with Spain and France.
- 1839 — Milosh, king of Serbia, abdicates, and is succeeded by his son Milan.
- 1849 — Communist riots in Paris are crushed.
- 1900 — Boxer uprising against Europeans in China begins.
- 1916 — Jan Christian Smuts captures Willemstad city in German East Africa.
- 1940 — Paris is declared an open city in World War II.
- 1956 — Last British troops leave Suez Canal zone, turn waterway over to Egypt after operating it for 74 years.
- 1969 — Withdrawal of US combat troops from South Vietnam begins with pullout of unit fighting in Mekong Delta.
- 1973 — United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam and Viet Cong sign new pact in Paris designed to reinforce Vietnam ceasefire.
- 1974 — Army in Republic of Yemen seizes power in bloodless coup.
- 1984 — Nicaragua says its troops forced group of US-backed rebels to flee across border into Costa Rica after four days of heavy fighting.
- 1987 — Panamanians stage peaceful protest to demonstrate their displeasure with nation's military leadership.

Arabic calligraphy: لا اله الا الله

Do-gooders set to destroy Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown

By Andre Grenon

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuter): For years the colourful tangle of signs, old houses, food stalls and hawkers carts that crowd around Jalan Sultan in the heart of Malaysia's capital have been considered an eyesore fit only for destruction by city planners.

But for Jimmy Lim, plans to redevelop the street and parts of the Chinatown area around it are an example of how good intentions can get in the way of common sense.

"The government says it wants to redevelop the area because it's an eyesore and it wants to get a better ethnic mix," says Lim, an architect and member of the Heritage Trust, a private conservation group trying to save the area.

Disturbed
"But I don't think you can artificially create this. To say 'I'm going to move this guy here and that guy there' like pawns on a chess board just won't work. You can't develop with no regard to the history and fabric of a place."

The Heritage Trust is also disturbed that some of the 50-odd buildings scheduled to be torn down are among the

capital's oldest and most interesting.

The Urban Development Authority (UDA), the government body charged with redevelopment and increasing property ownership by ethnic Malays, who make up about 50 per cent of Malaysia's 16 million population, has said the nature of the area will be preserved. But it is vague about details.

"The plans have yet to be finalised or the cost estimates made," a UDA spokesman said.

Recovered
She said the first step was clearing squatters from houses taken over by the authority in 1985. Part of the area will be temporarily turned into a park and used as a site for food stalls.

Lim says the Kuala Lumpur's property market has not fully recovered from the recession that hit Malaysia in 1985 and 1986 and an area that is now bursting with activity could become just another urban dead zone.

"It's a Malaysian illness," says Lim. "The first step to redevelopment is to demolish rather than salvage and recycle a structure. Demolition should be the last exercise."

Kuala Lumpur is already

struggling to fill its many luxury hotels and new high-rise office blocks. Parts of the city are beginning to look like Singapore, where development destroyed virtually all the old neighbourhoods.

The UDA acknowledges that it might have trouble filling the shops and offices it plans to build in Chinatown but is pressing on regardless.

They quoted UDA officials as saying Chinatown does not blend with nearby districts and the authority "hopes to change the city skyline within the area," — exactly what the Heritage Trust hopes to avoid.

Ideally, Lim says, all Chinatown should be preserved much as it is. But the notion of saving entire neighbourhoods, let alone whole streets, has not caught on yet in Malaysia.

The five-year-old Heritage Trust, which includes members from all of the former British colony's ethnic groups, has had some success in preserving individual buildings.

Kuala Lumpur's old central market, which the UDA wanted to demolish on the grounds that it was unsound, was saved largely because of the Heritage Trust and a recession, Lim says. The market was renovated and is now a major tourist spot in a



Conservationist Jimmy Lim is in front of the old buildings in Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown scheduled to be torn down to make way for new development.

city which has few such attractions.

"What does the government want to promote?" Lim asks about Malaysia's hopes to boost tourism, while destroying the ethnic enclaves he says

tourists find fascinating.

Lim added that the reason there is a good ethnic mix at the central market is because it is pleasant, not because the state want Malays, Chinese and Indian to rub shoulders.

Bonn: young capital, old city

By Sigrid Schwarzwald

BONN (DaD): With a population of a mere 300,000 Bonn, the capital city of the Federal Republic of Germany, has only been of any significance on the political map of the world for a bare 40 years.

But where its historic past is concerned what is still a quiet little town on the Rhine and a former seat of the electoral prince-bishops of Cologne need have no fear of comparison with many a larger European city.

Next year Bonn can look back on 2,000 years of recorded history, and this double millenium will be celebrated with a year-long birthday party.

Bonn can count itself lucky in having written records to prove when it was founded, which is more than can be said for several other European cities that have lately celebrated anniversaries of this kind.

It is first mentioned in a document dated 115 AD that refers to the Roman general Drusus, a stepson of the Emperor Augustus, who was definitely in "Bonna" on the Rhine between 12 and 9 BC. So Bonn definitely existed in about 11 BC, 2,000 years ago.

Another anniversary that will be celebrated next year is closely connected with the foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany. Forty years ago, in 1949, Bonn was named the Federal capital.

So there is plenty to celebrate. Beethoven's Ninth Symphony will be performed in the New Year to start the ball rolling (the composer was born in Bonn in 1770). Events and exhibitions will be held throughout the year, dealing with history, politics, science and the arts, sport, industry and the Rhenish joie de vivre of the "pint-sized capital city."

One of many highlights of the festival programme will be an exhibition on The Women of Bonn, a comprehensive review of them and their role over 2,000 years. Devised by the Bonn Women's Museum, it will be the first exhibition of its kind in Europe.

The "Bonn Summer," not just a season, but a well-established arts festival that is full of verve, will feature a "festival of the continents" in anniversary year. As capital city of the Federal Republic of Germany Bonn has an international role.

Next year, the West German capital of Bonn will celebrate 2000 years of recorded history and this double millenium will be celebrated with a year-long birthday party.



Bonn, the pint-sized capital of the Federal Republic of Germany will celebrate its 2000th anniversary next year. One of Bonn's famous sons was Ludwig van Beethoven whose statue is seen here on the Münsterplatz.

It boasts over 130 diplomatic missions, and they make a definite and distinctive mark on the city. "Bonn has a bridge function, and this link with the whole wide world is to be highlighted as part of the 1989 Bonn Summer season," says Willy Sauerborn, head of the 2,000th anniversary project group.

Many countries will be associated with what promises to be an extraordinary festival, with about 20 companies and over 300 participants from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the United States and Europe taking part in the "Festival of the Continents."

Song and dance, instrumental music, masks and parades will make it a feast for the eye and the ear, a festival visitors will be keen to experience and take part in.

Once-glamorous Shanghai, now hobbled by age

By James Kynge

SHANGHAI (Reuter): Once held in awe for its glamour and intrigue, the vast city of Shanghai has become hobbled by age.

The city's infrastructure — from streets to sewers to telephones — is outmoded, and the only way to overhaul it may be to demolish its famed but ageing buildings.

These buildings are a link to an era when Shanghai boasted Asia's smartest shops and brasserie nightspots.

"Most of old Shanghai will be destroyed sooner or later," said Gui Mingqi, a Shanghai official. "Chinese here are

really beginning to hate those old buildings."

Foreign businessmen said delays and frustrations caused by the city's outmoded facilities were so acute that they were driving would-be investors away.

"I think Shanghai's overloaded infrastructure discourages some foreign businessmen from investing here," said the manager of Mitsu and Company's foodstuffs division.

He said some of the goods the big Japanese company buys from areas surrounding Shanghai took so long in transit they missed ships scheduled to carry them overseas.

time, there was invariably a long wait because of port delays.

"The longest wait we had was more than 45 days. That is a very long time for perishable goods to be in a warehouse," he said.

"At the quickest, the goods must wait two weeks. In Japan it would take a week," he said.

Most of present-day Shanghai was planned before the 1920s by French, British, American and later Japanese colonial overlords trying to recreate some of the genteel pleasures of home.

But since then China's population has more than doubled and Shanghai's has swollen to 12 million people.

Industrial waste gushes into the mighty Yangtze river and recycled tap water tastes foul.

Cargo boats bob aimlessly at anchor, queuing to offload while narrow roads built for rickshaws and the occasional Taipan's limousine are now clogged with traffic.

Public transport is slow, empty taxis are rare.

"All businessmen who have been living in the peace hotel for a long time know they must give the taxi rank controllers cigarettes and other presents," said a foreign resident. "Otherwise they do not get a taxi."

On one day last month, 30 of the plush Sheraton Hotel's 32 cabs were booked before the

day had even begun.

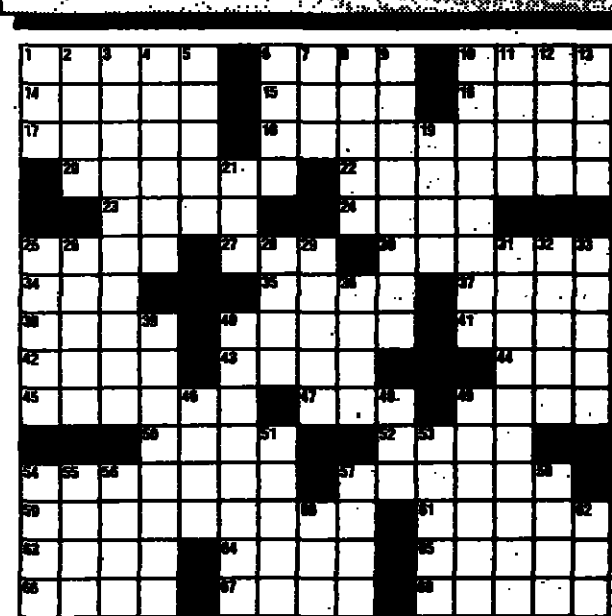
Businessmen said they had to dial telephone numbers an average of 15 times before they were connected. It is impossible to dial directly outside the city on most public telephones.

A Japanese student, injured in a rail crash that killed 27 of her schoolmates on the outskirts of Shanghai last month, said she was stalled in traffic for hours en route to hospital.

"Shanghai people must realize that they are no longer China's number one," said Zhu Rongji, head of Shanghai's delegation to China's parliament.

"Its industrial growth rate is now the lowest of all major Chinese cities," he said.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Mountain curves
 - Actor Guinness
 - Hard or soft follower
 - Station
 - Speed-sound ratio
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

FIND THE SETTING TRICK

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 2
♥ Q 5 3
♦ 9 4
♣ A K J 6 4 2

EAST
♠ A Q 5
♥ J 10 8
♦ K 10 8 7 2
♣ 10 7

SOUTH
♠ J 7
♥ A 9 7 6 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q 8 3

The bidding:
South: West North East
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♠

As a defender at rubber bridge, your primary object is to defeat the contract. If it seems that the only way to accomplish your goal is to break a "rule" or two, go ahead and do it!

The auction was straightforward. North showed his long suit and then his three-card support, but South had no ambitions beyond game.

West led his fourth-best spade.

East won the ace and returned the queen, and West paused to consider his side's possibilities. They had two tricks in the bag, and the king of trumps was a sure winner to complete the book. For his opening bid declarer almost certainly held either A-Q or A-K of diamonds, so it looked as if there were no tricks to be had in the minor suits. Therefore, the setting trick would have to come from trumps, but there was no way that could be achieved by power — declarer was also marked with the ace of hearts.

If East held the jack-third of hearts, he might be able to score that card via a ruff. So West overtook his partner's queen of spades and, despite the fact that he was surely giving declarer a ruff-stuff, he continued with a third spade. Declarer discarded a diamond from dummy, ruffed in hand, cashed the ace of trumps and continued with a low trump toward the queen.

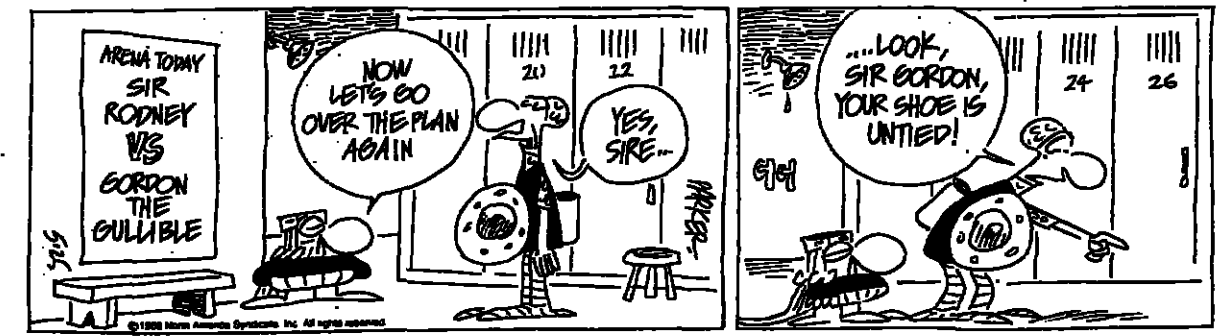
In with the king of trumps, West hammered the last nail into declarer's coffin—he led a fourth spade, giving declarer another ruff-stuff he did not need. Now there was no way that East's jack of trumps could be shut out, so the contract was down one.



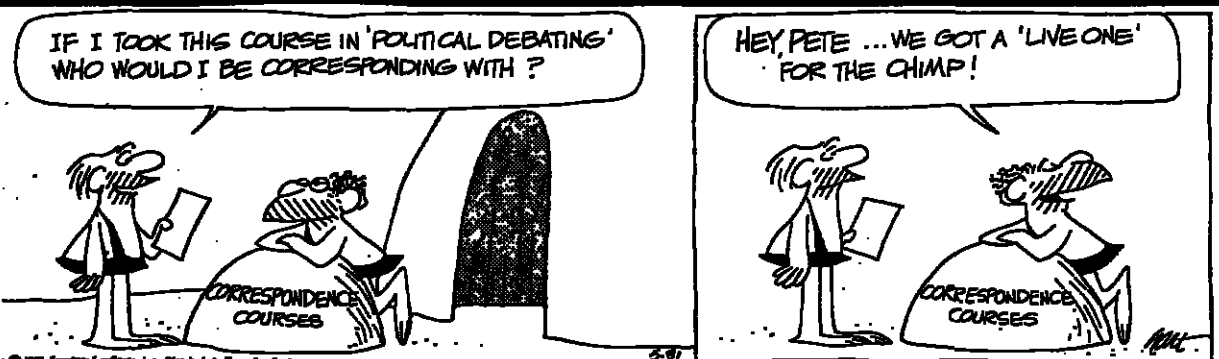
"OK, let's start from where I told you I needed a man who could use his head."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You will have plenty to do today and must work steadfastly. You should avoid doing anything about which you have some doubts. Make sure you eat plenty of vegetables. Be a little more optimistic.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You will be able to overcome some doubts and confusion. Mars, better influence will help you to deal with a rather tricky situation. You should show just a little more goodwill. Be attentive.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**
You should try to take a more positive attitude. Give others a chance to express their opinion. Avoid spending too much time dealing with secondary matters. Be more resilient.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
You are liable to do something you will come to regret so beware. You will be able to avoid falling into a trap. Jupiter's influence will help you to take advantage of a good opportunity. Be a little more generous.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
Your financial situation will take a turn for the better, but only if you avoid being extravagant and spending above your means. You should stick strictly to what is practical. Be resolute.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**
This is going to be one of those days for you. However if you keep calm you will be able to make the most of it. Mercury's more favourable influence will help you to get on with others. Be more prompt.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
The Moon's better influence in conjunction with that of Mercury will better help you to make up your mind. You should not do anything on the spur of the moment.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**
This is going to be a rather tiring day so you should not squander your energies on useless pursuits. You should put your health before all other things.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
If you try to show others how silly they are they will not appreciate it. Mars' better influence will help you to do something you have long wanted to do. You should not lose sight of your objectives.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
You will have plenty to do and should try to be a little more methodical. You should seek to adopt a more steady rhythm. Avoid giving instructions to others unless you have the authority to do so.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Today you will be able to do something much to your liking. You should avoid getting caught up in secondary matters. Make sure you give your partner no cause for complaint. Be resilient.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**
Today you will tire easily and you should concentrate on doing what is essential. Make sure you do not do anything that would be a health risk. Do not do anything you have not considered carefully first.

Vaccine for cervical cancer

A NEW vaccine which could help to prevent cervical cancer is being developed by British scientists, and may be ready for testing on volunteers within the next few years.

The vaccine is being produced with the aim of neutralising specific strains of the human papilloma virus (HPV), which are believed to be an important cause of the disease, and which are sexually transmitted.

Cancer of the cervix kills about 2,000 women in Britain every year, and claims about 400,000 lives annually worldwide. It is often not detected until it is too late to be treated.

Scientists at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund laboratories in central London hope that if their work is successful, the vaccine will prevent the majority of cancers of the cervix in immunised women.

Dr Lionel Crawford, head of the molecular virology laboratory which is carrying out the work, said recently: "There are still obstacles to be overcome but we are making progress."

"We believe that the presence of certain strains of HPV in the cervix starts a series of changes which lead to the cancer."

"If we can neutralise the virus and stop those changes occurring, we believe that in most cases the cancer will not develop."

Benefit

However, the vaccine would be of no benefit to women already suffering from the disease, he said.

Researchers believe that the risks of cervical cancer are increased if women first have sexual intercourse during their teenage years and then go on to have a number of sexual partners.

That is because during adolescence the cervix is particularly sensitive to changes which can become cancerous.

The risks become greater if women also smoke and do not use barrier methods of contraception, such as the cap and the condom.

The disease seldom manifests until much later in life, when women may be less sexually active and less likely to seek a cervical smear test, Dr Crawford said.

"While we hope a vaccine will be part of the answer, there is much that women can do themselves to reduce their risks."

There are more than fifty different strains of the human papilloma virus, which cause genital infections, and which can be carried without symptoms by both men and women.

Only a few strains are suspected of having a role in cervical cancer. Scientists think that these in themselves are not sufficient to cause cervical cancer, but may be a necessary element in the genesis of the disease.

Sir Walter Bodmer, fund director of research, said: "The prospects are good of eventually developing a vaccine."

He emphasised that a vaccine was unlikely to be available generally for some years. It might not offer total protection because other factors, such as smoking, are involved in the development of the disease.

The ICRF team has used genetic engineering techniques to identify the components of the virus which are implicated in the disease and those which could be used to combat it.

The first women to test the vaccine are likely to be outpatients at clinics for sexually-transmitted diseases.

Alive and well after 17 months of agony

Unique operation saves Siamese twins

By Georgina Gold

THE baby girl, lying in her cot with her head swathed in bandages, suddenly blinked as the flash of a Pressman's camera exploded.

From a nearby cot another bandaged baby cried lustily. The band of white-coated doctors surrounding the babies sighed with relief. The sisters were alive and well — after 17 months of being joined together at the head.

It was a historic moment. For the doctors believe the little girls may well be the first Siamese twins, sharing a common vein taking blood from their brains, to survive surgery to separate them.

And it was only after three delicate operations that Mpho and Mphonyana — their names mean "Gift" and "Little Gift" — became people in their own right.

They had not only triumphantly survived "even chance" surgery on the operating table, but rejection by their mother and father.

Today, snugly tucked up in Baragwanath Hospital, Johannesburg, Mpho has amazed the medical staff with her encouraging fight back to lusty life. Less than two weeks after the operation she is speaking a few words and laughing.

Mphonyana, the little girl who blinked with the photographer's flash, has survived well. But she needs further checks to see whether there are any problems.

Hospital spokesman Annette Clear said: "Both girls have had their stitches removed from their heads and are doing really well, especially considering that they have been dependent on each other for so long."

"We're worried that Mphonyana may develop an infection,

The little girls were joined at the head with one vital vein between them and only surgery could save them. It took a high-powered medical team three drama-filled operations to give the twins lives of their own.



Professor Lipschitz with 'his' twins after the separation.

as the wound on her head hasn't healed completely. So we're keeping a close eye on her. She has movement in her limbs and cries when she's uncomfortable. Her recovery isn't as fast as her sister's and only time will tell whether or not she has brain damage, but we're encouraged by her progress so far."

The twins' unmarried mother, 33-year-old Sophie Mathilela, looks adoringly at the babies who have given her so much heartbreak. The problems of having Siamese twins joined at the head, weren't just medical. For the first three days after they were born by Caesarian Section, a shocked Sophie rejected her

babies. But gradually, her mother's instincts took over and she gave the girls their loving names.

She will bring the twins up, with her other two children, aged 12 and 15.

There was trouble, too, with the girls' father. He vanished on the day Sophie went into hospital for the birth. Now, after the blaze of publicity and the setting up of a trust fund for the children, he has offered them all a home. Sophie has firmly turned the offer down.

Annette Clear adds: "Sophie is adamant that she won't accept his offer. He's already married with six children so it's far from an ideal situation. He

didn't contact her when the twins were born."

Sophie's drama began on December 7, 1986. She was looking forward to having the twins the doctors had told her to expect as she went into labour.

Then came the birth. Instead of joy, Sophie was horrified to learn that her babies were joined together. As she first rejected and then accepted the twins, doctors discovered that they had separate brains but shared that common "drain vein." Their only hope of survival was to be parted.

As the babies played and gurgled happily together, a high-powered medical team was formed. It was headed by Professor Robert Lipschitz, a Professor of Neurosurgery, who had founded the hospital's brain surgery unit.

Operation

As the date of the first critical operation was fixed for October 20, last year, the team of neurosurgeons, plastic surgeons, paediatric surgeons and anaesthetists prepared to swing into action. Their first vital aim: to clamp that shared vein so that the twins' brains could learn to live apart. As Sophie waited anxiously, the doctors went to work.

Annette Clear says: "The idea was to close up the vein so the other smaller veins would take over draining the blood. A week later, the clamp was removed and surgeons hoped to be able to separate the sisters later."

The second operation began with surgeons hoping to make medical history by giving the Siamese twins separate lives. Then came a life-or-death drama. The babies began bleeding badly.

Annette explained: "Luckily, the doctors managed to get



The twins when they were admitted to hospital on October 12, 1987.

the bleeding under control. But they had to forget about separating the babies at this time."

It was seven months before the "Gifts From God" were strong enough to undergo more surgery. This time the operation, carried out on May 3, lasted seven tense hours. And there was yet another drama.

Suddenly, Mphonyana's blood pressure dropped dramatically. Surgeons had to wait for 30 agonising minutes until it had climbed back to normal. But, at last, they triumphed.

The little twins were each living lives of their own.

Immediately, a doctor phoned Sophie to tell her the good news. She wept tears of joy and relief.

Annette says: "The operation was very frightening although, luckily, there was never

any point when we seriously thought we would lose either of them."

"Mphonyana has always been smaller and weaker, but the doctors stressed that both girls were to be saved. We never wanted to have to sacrifice one to save the other."

"Sophie was so overwhelmed that she just cried and cried. She had been so worried that she was going to lose one or even both of them."

Optimistic

"Everyone at the hospital is overjoyed, too. The girls are so lovable. They've made many friends since they've been here. Lots of nurses have mothered them and the twins had so many good luck cards."

"They're really being spoiled but we're all just relieved that everything has gone so well. Obviously there will be

problems they will face in the future. But, at least they're both still alive."

"Right now the medical team is very optimistic about their chances. Mpho is already sitting up on her own and holding her head up. So who knows what progress they'll both make over the next few weeks and months. As Professor Lipschitz says, 'Only time will tell.'"

And the doctors are already making sure that the girls will be as good-looking as their friends when they get older.

After the babies were separated, doctors took skin from their legs to cover the wounds on their heads. Later, more skin grafts will ensure that the twins have full heads of hair.

So the "Gifts From God" will be the little beauties everyone in the hospital always had faith they would be.

A pill worth its weight

A new slimming drug has been tested at the Dundee hospital in the UK, and has shown dramatic results among the overweight.

By Liz Gill

ELIZABETH Blacklaw, a general practice nurse and mother of three, is the kind of down-to-earth type who tends to laugh at the idea that she may have made history.

Yet Blacklaw, 53, was one of a group of volunteers who took part in the research trials of a new slimming pill at a Dundee hospital. The results announced recently have excited the scientific and medical communities who had come to regard a safe, sure-fire slimming aid almost as the 20th-century equivalent of the Elixir of Life — an inspired idea but unobtainable.

Blacklaw took three capsules of BRL 28830A, a day for 18 weeks, while at the same time following a low fat, high fibre diet of between 800 and 900 calories a day. At the end of the period her weight had dropped from 15 stone to 11.8lb, her dress size from 20 to 16.

On average the other 15 volunteers who had taken the drug lost 34lb, 50 per cent more than the control group who had dieted but taken only a placebo.

Blacklaw not only looked much better, she also felt

extremely well. The drug, which works by speeding up the human metabolic rate, had no unwanted side effects in her case, she said.

"I'd tried to diet before but I'd always fallen by the wayside after a few days," Blacklaw said. "What was good about this was that the rate at which I was losing kept up my morale. I didn't even weigh myself very much; I could tell by my skirt bands I was getting thinner."

It is just over a year since the trial ended and her weight has gone back up by half a stone. "But I'm much happier with the way I look. I would have gone on taking them for ever if it had meant being syphil-like."

Obesity specialist and consultant endocrinologist Dr Roland Jung, who headed the research team at Ninewells Hospital, found the pills so popular that there were even a few tears when patients had to stop.

The human trials, mainly on women in their forties, have borne out what animal experiments had already suggested: that the drug increases the metabolic rate so that the body converts excess fat into heat. Other such thermogenic drugs already exist, but they

cause palpitations and therefore cannot be given in large doses or for any length of time. "This new drug appears to have had no adverse effects on the heart," Jung said. Neither did it raise cholesterol levels, blood pressure or pulse. There were no signs of muscle wasting or weakness, and those taking it felt no hunger than the control group. Ending the course brought no unpleasant withdrawal symptoms.

Another attractive aspect of the drug was that its effectiveness appeared to increase the longer it was taken, a major advantage since traditionally weight is shed more easily at the beginning of a slimming programme than later on. The only drawback appears to be a slight shake which developed in 12 out of the 16 volunteers, but that disappeared after a couple of weeks and was regarded as severe in only one patient.

At around 16 stone Jung's patients were in the moderately obese class but he believes there is no reason why the drug should not work at lower weights. "Those who wish to lose just a stone or so would simply take it for a shorter period of time."

There is still much debate as



Blacklaw: from dress size 20 to 16 in 18 weeks

to what exactly causes obesity. Most experts say that it invariably involves some degree of over-eating, and many are unconvinced by claims of naturally sluggish metabolisms.

"But in a way we've bypassed the debate with this drug," Jung says. "It takes the body's natural fuel which is far and makes it burn up more quickly. We've found metabolic rates have increased by between 10 and 20 per cent."

Researchers are still not certain exactly how the drug works and far more extensive trials involving thousands of patients are needed. This means, of course, that the drug's availability for general use is still some years away, and is expected that when it does come on to the market it will initially be obtainable on prescription only. Nonetheless if it fulfils its promise it could revolutionise the slimming industry and prove a vast money-spinner for its producer, Beechams.

LONDON (AP): Preliminary evidence suggests that a virus may be linked to the development of breast cancer, British researchers said recently.

If a virus is eventually found to be the cause of breast cancer it would raise the possibility of somebody developing a vaccine against the disease, said professor Anthony Hart, a microbiologist at Royal Liverpool Hospital.

Breast cancer affects about 9 per cent of all women in the Western world, and is the leading cause of death among those aged 40 to 54.

Hart and his colleagues carried out studies involving 32

Viral link in breast cancer?

women with early signs of breast cancer who were compared with a group of 27 women with no evidence of disease. Both groups had women of comparable ages.

Thirty-one of the 32 women with breast cancer were found to have particles in the white blood cells that appear to be retroviruses, the family of viruses associated with AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency

syndrome, and some forms of leukemia and hepatitis.

Among the 27 healthy women, only three had evidence of viral activity, which the doctors said could be a sign that they may develop breast cancer, although it was too early to know.

Reporting their findings in the Lancet, the British medical journal, the researchers said

they were not 100 per cent certain that the particles detected in the breast cancer tumors were retroviruses. They emphasised there was no evidence the virus caused the cancer.

"Nevertheless, the consistent association of the virus with patients who have breast cancer suggests some association with the disease," the article said.

"Although we accept that our findings are preliminary and incomplete, we consider it important to report them at this stage to enable other workers to test their validity," the researchers said.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: Do you get anaesthesia during arthroscopy? What are its complications?

ANSWER: Arthroscopy is surgery on or examination of a joint using fiberoptic endoscopes. The procedure, usually done on knees, takes less time and leaves only one — or two-inch-long scars, rather than foot-long scars as with conventional surgery. Most arthroscopy patients go home three or four hours after surgery and can put weight on the leg within two or three days.

Even though arthroscopy is less involved than other forms of joint surgery, general anaesthesia — where patient is asleep — is usually used, although a spinal anaesthetic may be used in some cases. General anaesthesia is used because it relaxes the muscles, allowing the surgeon to manipulate the knee better.

GENERAL ANAESTHESIA USUALLY USED DURING ARTHROSCOPY

Complications of surgery include infection, residual tenderness and, possibly, arthritis. Still, only 1 per cent of all arthroscopic surgery leads to a serious problem. As you can see, it's a procedure where the benefits greatly outweigh the risks, which is probably why it has become the procedure of choice for many joint problems.

QUESTION: You hear so many advertisements for products that treat haemorrhoids, but I don't know what they are. Can you explain?

ANSWER: You are very lucky not to know about them from personal experience, as they can be very painful.

A haemorrhoid is a swelling of a vein in the lower rectum or anus that, quite literally, causes a real pain in the rear end. The swelling may occur internally (inside the rec-

tum) or externally (outside the rectal canal in the anal lining.) Many people suffer from this problem, which affects people from all walks of life.

One of the greatest contributing factors to the development of haemorrhoids is the fact that human beings walk upright. This may cause pressure in the rectal veins to increase. Most cases will respond to topical treatments (medication applied directly to the area) that shrink swelling, sitz baths or other forms of moist heat compresses. A healthy diet, including whole grains, fruits and vegetables, is very helpful in controlling haemorrhoids. That's because healthy eating leads to regular bowel movements which easily pass through the anal walls and produce little irritation.

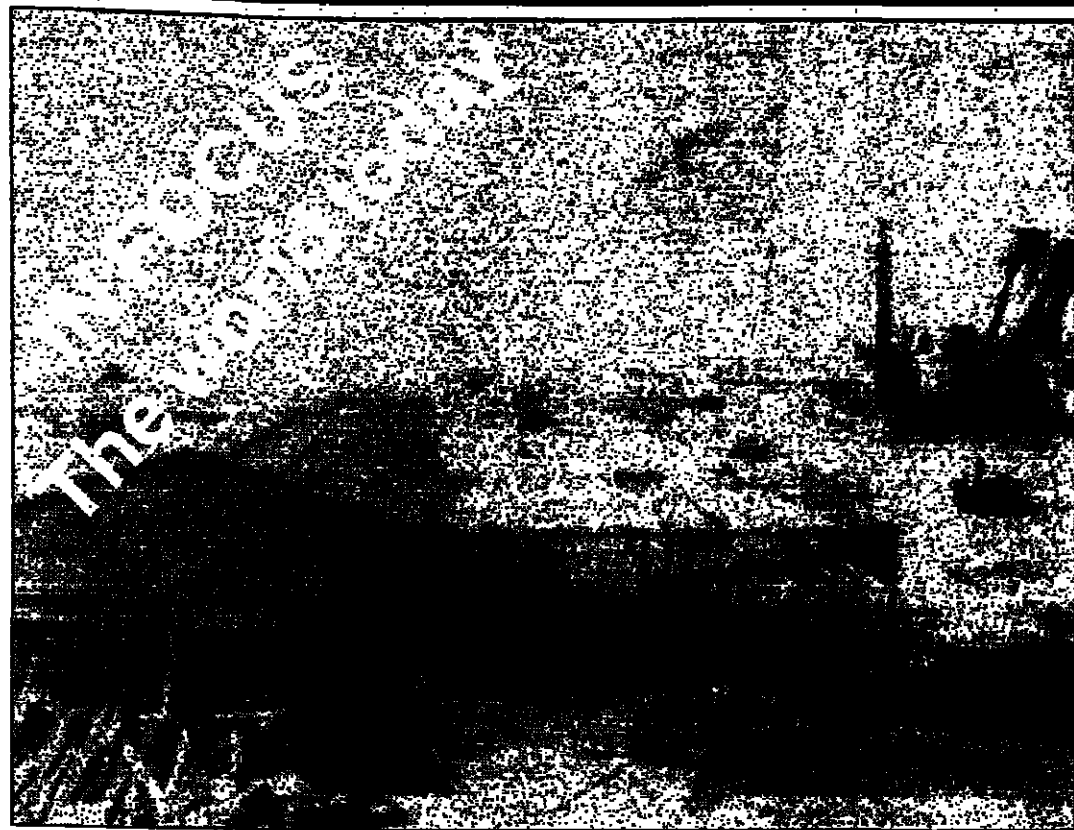
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ANDY CAPP

By Smith



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A CHINESE flag flies over the newly-built wooden headquarters of its oceanographic research team of the Yungshu reef, one of the disputed Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. (Reuters wirephoto)



ROCK STAR Sting (left), Annie Lennox (centre) of the Eurythmics and pop star Whitney Houston sing in front of 70,000 spectators at Wembley Stadium, during a special concert to celebrate the 70th birthday of jailed black South African nationalist leader Nelson Mandela. (Reuters wirephoto)



A WEST GERMAN policeman lifts the hat of an Irish fan following strict orders to check the fans properly prior to the match between England and Ireland at Stuttgart's Neckar stadium. (Reuters wirephoto)



ABOUT 1,000 South Korean students seen throwing petrol bombs at teargas-firing riot police during a funeral procession for a radical student who burned himself to death early this month. (Reuters wirephoto)



WEARING period uniforms Napoleonic war enthusiasts recreate the famous 173-year-old Battle of Waterloo near Waterloo, Belgium, yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN middleweight boxer Andreas Prox photographed during a training session in Lyon, France, on Saturday. Prox will fight French Christophe Tiozzo for the European title today. (Reuters wirephoto)



THE team of the winning Jaguar XJRS waves to supporters following their victory of this 58th edition of Le Mans 24-hour endurance race yesterday. (Left to right) Great Britain's Andy Wallace, Johnny Dumfries and girlfriend, and Jan Lammers of the Netherlands. (Reuters wirephoto)



IRISH physical trainer Mick Byrne goes down on his knees to join in the celebration of his team's victory over England in the European Championship yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)



AN AMERICAN seaman sits at the bow of the US frigate 'Fahrrion' keeping a look-out for mines while escorting a convoy of tankers in the Gulf. (Reuters wirephoto)



MALAYSIAN Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed leads 70 of his senior government officials in a push for fitness as they undergo a 'Fitness Overhaul' at a hill resort. The 62-year-old leader launched the programme in a drive for healthier and more productive government. (Reuters wirephoto)



US SEN. Edward Kennedy (left) raises the arm of Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis during the Massachusetts Democratic State Convention at Boston Garden. (Reuters wirephoto)



INDIAN Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi receives a 'shoed-egg', a genuine Hungarian piece of handicraft from a young boy. To the left is the Hungarian State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Gyula Horn. (Reuters wirephoto)



PULLING out all the stops by using his feet, Seattle Mariners' catcher Dave Valle tries to prevent Minnesota Twins' Dan Gladden (left) from scoring a run at home plate during a baseball game in Seattle. Gladden scored on the attempt as the Twins beat the Mariners 3-1. (Reuters wirephoto)



PRESIDENT Corason Aquino being assisted by representatives of various cultural groups during a traditional flag-raising ceremony at a Manila park commemorating the 30th anniversary of Philippine Independence yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

US donates \$10m worth of wheat to Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, June 12, (AP): The United States government today pledged \$10 million worth of wheat as the first part of a \$75-million aid package for reconstruction of islands in Sri Lanka's troubled northern and eastern provinces.

In a statement, the US embassy said the agreement was signed in the capital yesterday by Treasury Secretary Chandu Chamugam and US Ambassador James Spain.

The Sri Lankan government will use the wheat to produce flour for sale on local markets. It expects to raise 300 million rupees (\$10 million) in funds for its reconstruction and rehabilitation programme, the statement said.

"The income to the Sri Lanka government generated by local flour sales will be used to support rehabilitation and reconstruction of housing, agriculture, small business and irrigation in the north and east," it said.

The United States last December pledged highly concessional loans for the purchase of approximately 93,000 metric tons of US wheat.

The wheat is expected to arrive in Sri Lanka by early fall.

The principles of saving money

By Midas

THIS will be my last article, since I am leaving Kuwait on Thursday, so it seems like a good opportunity to consider the subject of savings and investment from a slightly different angle.

In most of my articles over the past 18 months I have tried to advise you on what to do with your savings, but maybe I should have started by telling you how to save money in the first place.

The sad fact is that some people here just seem to spend every penny they earn. Of course, they have a wonderful time, a posh car, beautiful jewellery for the wife, expensive holidays and plenty of presents for the folks back home.

But then one day, the bubble bursts, they lose their jobs, or have to return home for family reasons, and suddenly the horrible truth dawns on them, they haven't managed to save a penny!

Trap

In the eleven years that I have been in Kuwait I have known several cases like this, and each time the victims felt a terrible sense of waste.

One friend explained: "When I was spending all that money, I

really felt as if I was rich, now I see that I was only fooling myself. Really I had nothing except my next salary. Without that, I was broke."

When he left Kuwait after working here for 10 years, he had a house with a huge mortgage he could no longer afford.

His "savings" amounted to no more than a couple of months salary. When that was gone, he had to sell his house, just to have something to live on.

So how can you avoid falling into the same trap? Believe me, it's an easy trap to walk into, since it's roses, roses all the way. I confess I fell into it myself for my first two or three years in Kuwait, and enjoyed every minute of it, until I lost my job and suddenly came to my senses.

Budget

I realised one crucial fact about myself, that probably applies to you as well; if I have money in my pocket, I will spend it. It doesn't matter really what it goes on: new clothes, a stereo, jewellery for the wife, whatever it is that catches my eye, if I've got the money, I'll buy it.

The answer to this problem is simplicity itself, get rid of the money before you can spend it! Don't ever make the mistake of trying to save the money you have left at the end of the month,

the chances are you won't have any left by then.

The trick is to decide how much you want to save, then send it off at the beginning of the month, before you get the chance to blow it.

Then, if you haven't got the money in your pocket, you'll have to think twice before you buy something. Don't go overboard, the system won't work if you send away so much that you have to go into debt at the end of every month.

Sad

Work out a budget, add a bit extra for the luxuries that you deserve for working so hard, then send the rest off as soon as you get paid.

It doesn't matter how small or large the amount maybe...the trick is to make it regular. Time will do the rest.

If you just send your money to a bank account, the eighth wonder of the world, compound interest, will gradually help you to build up your savings.

Let's look at an example. I know one friend who has been here for about 12 years...yes, I know that's a long time, but many people stay as long, or even longer, without quite meaning to. Time just sort of rolls along.

In 12 years he has hardly managed to save a penny, which is

very sad since he is now facing financial disaster.

But let's suppose that he had managed to save about a quarter of his salary every year, say £3,000, which he put into the bank every year.

At first sight, you might think that after 12 years saving £36,000 a year, he would now have £432,000 in the bank.

However, that does not take into account the wonders of compound interest.

If his capital had earned an average of just 10 per cent interest per year over those 12 years, by now his savings would have grown to just over £62,000! Better still, this year he will have £3,000 plus another £6,200 in interest.

In other words, his savings will now be adding twice as much to his capital as his actual savings from his salary.

And the rate at which his savings are growing now means that after only another three years he will have £92,000. It would have taken eight years to save the first £30,000, but only three years now, with his interest, to save another £30,000.

The £30,000 after that will take just over two years. And all on a simple £3,000 a year saved from his salary.

Instead he has nothing, but only because he never started the

process off in the first place.

Undoubtedly, the first years of any savings plan are the hardest. It hardly seems worthwhile, since the sums seem so small.

There are constant temptations to lash out on a few luxuries. Other people always seem to have more than you do. But don't be put off. Remember, only compare yourself with those worse off than you are. In a place like Kuwait it is financial suicide to start comparing yourself to people who are better off.

There are plenty of multi-millionaires here, and if you start trying to keep up with them, you're doomed.

Don't worry about how pathetic your first attempts at amassing capital may seem. Don't worry about how long you plan to stay here either, the savings will come in useful even if you leave after two or three years.

Stayed

I only came here for a year, and I've stayed for eleven and a half, and I know hundreds of people who've done the same sort of thing.

Remember that old Chinese saying about a journey of a thousand miles has to begin with a single step. Remember above all, that being rich means having money, not spending it.

Outward prosperity belies Jordan's economic struggle

AMMAN, June 12, (Reuters): Sleek sedans, car telephone aerials swaying, purr along the smart avenues of Amman's rich suburbs, where gleaming new villas are still springing up.

The Egyptian concierge waters the garden, the Sri Lankan maid scolds the children and the Filipina cook chops vegetables.

But the ostentatious prosperity of the few makes it easy to forget that Jordan remains in the grip of a regional slump.

Wealth is unevenly spread. In the poorer quarters of town, where unemployment is rife, big families are crammed into small

concrete houses sprawling over steep hillsides.

With few natural resources, limited agricultural potential and a modest industrial base, Jordan relies heavily on Arab financial aid and remittances from around 325,000 migrant workers to cover its chronic trade deficit.

This week, the Central Bank took steps to halt a run on the dinar prompted by fears of devaluation, and foreign exchange shortages. It resumed setting binding rates for foreign currencies and effectively floated interest rates.

Bankers and economists said the moves were likely to stabilise

the dinar in the short term, but urged the government to curb spending to restore economic health.

"Freeing interest rates was a good step, something to celebrate," said economist Fahed Al Fanek. "I expect rates to rise at first and act as a balancing factor, encouraging people with foreign currency to shift back to dinars."

Deficit

"The government deficit is relatively high," said Bank of Jordan General Manager Michel Marto. "Monetary policy alone is not enough, you need fiscal measures too. The government

should cut its consumption as the private sector has done."

The budget deficit reached 220 million dinars (\$615 million) last year, compared to 153 million (\$428 million) in 1986, Central Bank deputy governor Maher Shukri told Reuters.

"We are working with the government on a package to increase revenues and reduce expenditure," he said.

"The government's efforts to maintain and increase revenues during a recession have been quite efficient... but it should exercise more diligence in both cases (revenue and spending)."

Shukri said Jordan was seek-

ing a \$200 million Euromarket loan, its first foreign borrowing since March 1987.

Opinions vary on the country's economic prospects.

"The recession is still going on. Maybe we will reach the bottom of the business cycle in 1988, but apart from a thriving transport sector, there are no signs that the economy is picking up," said Mohammed Tjani, director of the Chamber of Trade.

Fanek believes the change in Jordan's fortunes since the 1970s oil boom is not transient. "I see a structural shift, not a recession that is part of a business cycle."

Shukri said Jordan was seek-

he declared.

Shukri offers a less gloomy view. "We are getting out of the recession, slowly but surely. The indicators point to a higher rhythm of activity, which we hope will materialise in a higher growth rate next year, perhaps above four per cent."

He said Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rose a respectable three per cent in 1987, but Arab aid declined and remittances, mainly from Jordanians working in the Gulf, plunged.

They sent home only 317 million dinars (\$887 million), compared to 413 million (\$1.156 billion) in 1986.

Central bankers uneasy about world economy

ZURICH, June 12, (Reuters): Central bankers from around the world will be worrying more about inflation than recession as they gather this weekend in Basel for the annual meeting of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) on Monday.

Officials and financial analysts say central banks were pleased that last October's global stock market crash did not cause a recession.

But many of central bankers coming for the meeting of the BIS — the central bank for central banks — are already warning their governments to take a firm stance against inflation.

"Just after the crash all the talk was of possible recession. Now the main concern is that inflation may rise," Markus Lusser, president of the Swiss National Bank, told a news conference last week.

"We have strong monetary expansion around the globe. This is potential for a rise in worldwide inflation which we cannot ignore," Karl Otto Poehl, president of West Germany's Bundesbank, said in a radio interview last weekend.

In the past week the Bank of England has forced British interest rates higher because of anxiety about inflationary pressures building up in the strong

British economy.

Others may follow. But the cost could be the kind of economic slowdown that not only dampens inflation but also puts people out of work.

For the central bankers who had slashed interest rates after the October crash in order to keep their economies from slipping, that means a difficult balancing act ahead.

BIS meeting, which comes six days before the seven-nation economic summit opens in Toronto, will take place informally at cocktail parties and dinners.

The annual meeting itself on Monday will be a brief 45-minute affair to approve the BIS accounts.

But, as they did last year, central bankers are expected to discuss the still-heavy balance of

payments imbalances between the major trading nations, the United States budget deficit, and the international debt crisis.

The United States has long been under pressure to cut its huge trade and budget deficits, while West Germany and Japan have been under pressure to trim their giant surpluses.

Yet improvement is slow and some central bankers are gloomy.

S. Korean auto industry suffers heavy losses

SEOUL, June 12, (AP): Prolonged labour disputes have cost South Korea's automotive industry heavy losses in production and exports, the Trade and Industry Ministry reported yesterday.

The ministry said lost production of parts and automobiles since January was estimated at 968.6 billion won (\$1.32 billion). Car export goals for the period were down by 37,330 vehicles, worth \$219 million.

Ministry officials said they feared South Korean auto exports may fall far short of a year-end goal of 756,000 vehicles if the labour problems continue.

Workers at Hyundai Motor Co., the country's largest automaker, went on strike on May 30 demanding higher pay and better working conditions. The action has completely closed a Hyundai assembly plant in Ulsan, on the east coast.

Wage talks have been suspended and Hyundai officials said there was no immediate indication when negotiations would resume.

The union demanded a 48 per cent wage raise, or about \$180 a month. Management offered a 25 per cent hike, or about \$100.

The country's second biggest automaker, Daewoo Motor Co., a venture with General Motors Corp. of the United States, was hit by strikes at its main plant near Seoul in April.

KIA Motors Corp., partly owned by Ford Motor Co., and two other smaller companies were also suffering production losses because of prolonged wage disputes or a lack of key parts caused by strikes at parts suppliers.

Production operations have been suspended or reduced at some 500 parts makers for many weeks due to labour strikes, sabotage or other problems. Some 600 companies remain in normal operation.

Some of the affected parts makers have asked for emergency bailout loans, saying they face bankruptcy. But monetary authorities are reportedly reluctant to comply with the requests because of the government's tight money policy to counter feared inflation.

If the current labour unrest persists until June 20, the ministry predicts the total production loss for the Korean auto and parts industry will amount to 1.247 trillion won (\$1.7 billion).

Last year, South Korea produced one million cars and commercial vehicles, with 540,000 going for export.

Reagan warns Congress of pitfalls of protectionism

WASHINGTON, June 12, (UPI): President Reagan trumpeted gains in the US economy today and warned Congress there is "no sure way of derailing" America's financial health

than with protectionist trade legislation.

With an eye on his upcoming trip to the annual summit in Toronto, Reagan again called on Congress to move quickly to enact a new comprehensive trade reform bill and said he stood ready to assist despite his recent veto sparked by concern over two controversial provisions.

Hailing US gains in employment, reduced taxes and trade, Reagan said "the United States has been one of the biggest gainers in the global economy."

"It's not surprising that country after country have followed us," he said. "So, yes, we are doing particularly well."

But the President, giving his weekly radio address from Camp David, warned congressmen that protectionist legislation will quickly deflate those gains.

"Make no mistake," Reagan said, "the global economy is the basis of our prosperity and the foundation of our economic future. I can think of no surer way of derailing our economy than to try through protectionist measures to seal America off from trade and investment with the other countries of the world."

Reagan's comments came as he prepares for the annual economic summit conference where he will meet, for the final time,

with six other chiefs of state in Toronto from June 19-21.

Just returned from his history-making summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the President began his term eight years ago at the first summit conference in Ottawa with the Group of Seven nations — the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

Officials have conceded the summit will likely revolve around non-contentious issues and avoid customary differences over trade, agriculture, Latin American debt and American budget deficits. No major breakthroughs are expected.

Instead the national leaders are expected to use the meeting in part to salute the two-term ten-

ure of Reagan, the conference's most influential participant.

"There will be much to celebrate," Reagan said of the summit gathering. "Today, we have a global economy in which the United States is at the very centre."

On the trade bill, the President said, "I want to reaffirm my commitment to enact this year of responsible trade legislation," adding that he is directing his senior advisers "to stand ready to assist the congressional leadership on a new trade bill... that will strengthen America's international competitiveness."

Just before Reagan's departure for Moscow, the House voted to override the President's veto of the sweeping reform legislation.

West Germans celebrate 40th anniversary of Deutschemerk

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 12, (Reuters): In April, 1948, a US Army truck carrying eight bewildered German officials and economists drew up outside a barracks in the American occupation zone north of Frankfurt.

The men were taken to special quarters, separated from the rest of Rothwesten barracks by barbed wire, and guarded by sentries with machine-guns in prison-like conditions.

Reform

They did not know it when they arrived, but they were to spend the next three months drawing up a plan to reform the German currency — laying the foundations of West Germany's post-World War II prosperity by creating the Deutschemerk.

Forty years on, the mark is in good health, according to a recent report from West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank.

"Its purchasing power is stable, in a way not seen for many a year, its strength and solidarity have become a kind of hallmark for the Federal Republic, and abroad it is sought after as a reserve and investment

currency," the bank said. The Bundesbank proudly noted that since 1950 the mark has risen 1.3 times in value against the currencies of West Germany's 14 major trading partners.

Doubled

It has doubled in value against the dollar, to around 1.70 marks per dollar now from 3.33 when it was first introduced, while the British pound sterling now is worth only 27 per cent of its 1950 mark value.

Some of this lustre has faded recently. The mark hit its lowest level against 14 major currencies in 18 months at the end of May as investors turned their back on what appears to be an increasingly stagnant and hidebound West German economy.

For the men — the original eight were soon joined by two others — who were brought together to devise the currency reform on orders of the World War Two allies, the problem was basic: to restore the pricing and regulating function of money.

The old Reichsmark was plentiful as the Nazis had financed the war by printing money. But its purchasing power was zero in

a ruined economy dominated by black markets and ration coupons.

"People had loads of money, but the money wasn't worth anything," explained Hans Moeller, 73, one of two survivors of the 1948 working group which drew up the currency reform.

"You couldn't buy anything with money alone," said Moeller, now a Munich economics professor. "If you wanted half a pound of butter or a pair of underpants you needed a ration card."

And ration cards were as scarce as the goods themselves.

The problem was that Reichsmarks had followed the occupying German army all over Europe, as far as Russia.

Improved

If supplies improved in the parts of Germany under occupation by the Western allies, this money could flow back in to buy goods, creating a permanent shortage.

The 10 men at Rothwesten barracks were originally told they had to devise a scheme to call in this excessive cash.

But it was soon clear they were being held virtual prisoners to

plan a complete currency reform and secrecy was essential.

"At first we prisoners were led out in single file to exercise in a prison yard in the barracks to the amusement of the troops stationed there. It was not very dignified treatment," Moeller recalled.

Even so, one kitchen assistant managed to smuggle out a carbon paper used in records of the discussions.

"After a time, because it was beautiful weather, we invented our own ball game, a mixture between table tennis and proper tennis," he said.

The discussions to draft a new currency law, which have gone down in German economic history as the "conclave of Rothwesten", lasted three months. They were followed by negotiations with German politicians and allied officers.

It was agreed that everyone who could lay hands on 40 Reichsmarks would get 40 Deutschmarks on "X-day" — June 20, 1948, the day set for the introduction of the new money.

Other Reichsmark holdings were to be converted into Deutschmarks at a ratio of one-for-

10, though eventually people got only 6.5 Deutschmarks for 100 Reichsmarks. Certain payments such as rents, wages and pensions were transferred to Deutschmarks at a full one-for-one ratio.

Shipped

The Americans had already printed new German banknotes in Chicago, and shipped 500 tonnes of them in 1947 to Bremerhaven.

The night before X-day the military distributed them across the country in an action known as "Operation Bird Dog".

Moeller explained that it would have taken half a year to print new banknotes. The secret would have leaked out.

In any case, it was necessary to introduce the new money by the start of the harvest, so that farmers would be encouraged to sell as much produce as possible.

And in fact the miracle happened. Suddenly shop-windows were full of goods, albeit at a price.

As people's faith in the new money took hold, the economy picked up. In 1949 the mark had to be devalued along with the pound.

World Business Summary

Icahn raises financial guarantee to \$300m

NEW YORK, June 12, (AP): Financier Carl C. Icahn sought to bolster his takeover offer for Texaco Inc. on Thursday by raising to \$300 million the money he would forfeit if he failed to raise the necessary financing. Icahn also added a new twist, pledging that the guarantee money would be divided among all Texaco stockholders rather than go into the General Treasury of the White Plains, New York-based oil company. Wall Street has been cool to Icahn's bid of \$60 a share, which values Texaco at \$14.6 billion. Texaco stock has traded \$9 to 10 below Icahn's offer since it was announced last month, and it held that level on Thursday. Texaco's board previously rejected Icahn's bid for the 85.2 per cent of the company's shares he does not already own and it refused to put the matter up for a vote by stockholders at the annual meeting on June 17. The company had no immediate comment on Icahn's latest move but said it was preparing a response. Icahn, who is Texaco's biggest stockholder, and four colleagues are running for five board seats up for election at the meeting and the financier has been seeking to drum up support from other shareholders. Icahn said he wants the seats on the 14-member board to pressure the board to put his takeover proposal before the shareholders. Originally, Icahn said he would put up \$100 million that he would forfeit if he could not finance the bid. He said on Thursday that he would triple that amount and added that it would go directly to shareholders.

US winter wheat harvest lower than expected

WASHINGTON, June 12, (AP): This year's estimated US winter wheat harvest will be down three per cent from last month's forecast because of drought and disease, Agriculture Department economists say. Winter wheat is planted in the fall and harvested the following summer. It makes up about three-fourths of total US wheat production. "Inadequate moisture and disease plagued winter wheat in the central and northern great plains during May," the department's Agricultural Statistics Board said in its report released on Thursday. It estimated winter wheat production at 1.57 billion bushels, slightly more than last year but still three per cent below May's forecast of 1.62 billion bushels. Last year's output was 1.56 billion bushels. Satellite photos reportedly show disease is taking a toll on soft red winter wheat in Kansas and some USDA officials think that drought could worsen the situation. The report put this year's average yield at 39.4 bushels an acre (5 hectare), down 0.4 bushels from the 1987 level and 1.3 bushels an acre below the May estimate. There are 36.7 bushels of wheat to the metric ton, and one acre equals 0.4 hectares. Harvested acres are expected to be 39.8 million acres this year, the same estimate that the department issued last month and one per cent above the level for last season. The report did not include 1988 production estimates for spring wheat, corn and other spring-planted crops. The department will make those forecasts later in the growing season.

Turkey tightens loan rules to reduce foreign debt

ISTANBUL, June 12, (Reuters): Turkey tightened rules on overseas borrowing today in an attempt to reduce its foreign debt, one of the highest in the world. No government body may now enter negotiations with potential foreign creditors or open a project to tender without permission from the Undersecretariat for the Treasury and Foreign Trade (UTFT), the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. The aim is to curb foreign borrowing by the state banks, corporations, municipalities and agencies which dominate the economy. Private companies must also tell the UTFT if they want to raise foreign loans. The UTFT was given control of all loan applications in the first ruling of the high-powered foreign debt strategy group, formed in January. The group said unexplained efforts to raise foreign loans had reduced Turkey's creditworthiness and caused a sharp rise in the foreign debt, which totalled \$40.8 billion, including military debts, at the end of 1987. State bodies will now have to prove that their project needs correspond with the nation's yearly plan and that the cash and services required could not be obtained domestically. The level of an applicant's tax debts will be taken into account when loan proposals are studied. Bankers say a burst of uncontrolled borrowing in 1986 and 1987, a general election year, caused Turkey's current economic problems, including an inflation rate of 70 per cent and commercial interest rates of up to 120 per cent. Prime Minister Turgut Ozal has imposed austerity measures to try to control the situation. New projects have been stalled, inflation appears to have peaked and foreign bankers say the debt repayment plan has been put in better order.

Kuwait and Western creditors reschedule Yugoslav debts

BELGRADE, June 12, (AP): Fifteen Western creditor countries and Kuwait, members of the "Paris Club," have agreed to reschedule nearly \$1 billion of Yugoslavia's debts, the state news agency Tanjug reported from Paris yesterday. It said the agreement with the Yugoslav government, involving a total of \$946 million of capital and interest, was reached after two days of "lengthy, exhaustive and delicate negotiations." The Yugoslav delegation, led by Finance Secretary Svetozar Rikanovic, is satisfied with the agreement, although they did not obtain all they had expected, the report said. What was achieved by the Yugoslavs "represent the maximum, and more than that, as regards the valid rules of the game in the 'Paris Club,'" said Tanjug. The agreement, to be formally signed soon, reschedules Yugoslav debts and interest due between April 1, 1988, and June 30, 1989, that is during the period covered by a stand-by arrangement with the International Monetary Fund, Tanjug said. The postponement of repayments is for 10 years, with a six-year grace period. The agreement reached Saturday also provides for the possibility of medium-term scheduling (till 1995) of debts amounting to nearly \$4 billion, depending on how fast Yugoslavia carries out its economic reform and on future agreements with the IMF, the report said.

Cocoa consumers criticise producers in price pact talks

Thorny question of interest payments

Saudi tailors borrowing along Islamic lines

BAHRAIN, June 12, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has carefully tailored a pioneering government borrowing programme to uphold Islamic principles and avoid a confrontation with conservative religious groups over the thorny question of interest payments.

Gulf bankers said it was vital economically and politically that the kingdom's first offering of government bonds, launched after five months of uncertainty yesterday, was successful.

Makes sense
"With weak oil revenues and a soft dollar, Saudi Arabia is at the stage where it makes sense to borrow," said one banker. "But after earlier policy U-turns, this must be seen to work."

The bonds issue, Saudi Arabia's first major commercial borrowing for 25 years, charted new territory for the kingdom's underdeveloped financial markets and commercial banks who will be allowed to subscribe.

Bonds were first mooted as a fund raiser at the turn of the year

when King Fahd unveiled the 1988 budget, but the past months have been marked by a seemingly endless stream of rumours about the scheme.

Bankers were sworn to secrecy over the structure of the 1.5-billion-riyal (\$400-million) issue announced yesterday, but it was clearly designed along Islamic lines.

Attempt
This was seen as an attempt to defuse deep underlying tensions between Saudi Arabia's Muslim religious groups and its Western-style banking and financial system.

Some bankers believe religious objections led to the abrupt suspension of a Stock Exchange trading hall in Riyadh last year after just three weeks in operation.

Since Islam bans interest, the bonds will pay "earnings" based on projected cash flow from development projects. This is in line with Islamic banking principles.

Bank treasury officials have

been trying to calculate the yield based on information in the offer text from the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency — a payout made twice a year expressed in riyals per million for each of the one to five-year maturities offered.

Calculation
The key is how the return, when "westernised", compares with traditional bank investment outlets such as Saudi and US interest rates and US government paper. The calculation has not proved easy.

"The problem is that different banks appear to be using different yield methods," said one banker. "It will take time to adapt to the system."

The domestic riyal market appeared to vote with its feet today as banks unloaded excess funds and interest rates fell.

But another banker said: "The (bond) yields are not unreasonable... they compare favourably with US Treasury rates and are not all that bad compared with

Eurodollars."
This would place the effective one-year yield between seven and eight per cent, still below 12-month riyal funds which were quoted by banks today at 8-3/8, 1/8 per cent.

Response
The response to the first offering was unlikely to be accurate measure of demand since most banks were expected to enter bids by noon tomorrow deadline for what bankers described as political reasons.

Some Saudi banks have direct or indirect government shareholdings and bankers said they could hardly ignore the government's first major borrowing exercise for 25 years.

Bankers expected the issue to be the first in a series which could total up to 30 billion riyals (\$8 billion) in 1988 and have a wide-ranging impact on the Saudi economy in several ways.

— The bonds should go a long way towards financing the projected 1988 budget deficit of 35.9 billion riyals (\$9.6 billion)

and reduce the strain of freely available reserves, estimated to have fallen to about \$30 billion.

— They may allow Saudi Arabia to avoid tying up further oil production in barter agreements, often used for arms purchases.

Started
— They should add depth to Saudi Arabia's financial markets at a time when several Gulf states, including Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman, have already started to raise money through Treasury bills or government bonds.

— They could possibly be developed in a secondary market and repackaged, perhaps in the form of mutual funds, to offer to private Saudi investors.

— They could slow the outflow of funds from Saudi Arabia into dollar-based markets if yields prove competitive over a series of issues. Some bankers even predict the repatriation of some cash now invested in the US government bond market.

KD deposits firm in quiet trade

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposits firmed further in quiet trading yesterday as banks covered positions ahead of a forthcoming issue of KD150 million worth of treasury bills and government bonds.

Dealers said some short-dated maturities rose sharply in response to the demand, while fixed period funds were indicated higher with few deals reported. Trade is normally quiet on Sundays due to the European weekend.

Offer
Kuwait's Central Bank told commercial banks on Saturday it would offer KD100 million of 91-day treasury bills and KD50 million of one-year bond on Wednesday.

Demand for dollars also helped push deposits higher as traders bought dinars to swap into dollars.

Spot-next funds climbed to 6-1/2, 5-1/2 per cent from two per cent offers on Saturday. One-week rose one point to eight,

seven per cent with business reported at 7-7/8 and 7-3/4 per cent.

One-month was quoted 1/4 point higher on the offer side at seven, 6-1/2 per cent.

Three-month to one-year maturities were also indicated 1/4 point higher on the offer side at 6-7/8, 3/8 per cent.

Retreated
The Central Bank left its dinar exchange rate unchanged at 0.27570/80 to the dollar. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.27575/85.

Meanwhile, in Bahrain, Saudi riyal deposit rates retreated across the board in a flurry of lending yesterday as news of Saudi Arabia's 1.5-billion riyal bond issue prompted kingdom banks to offload funds.

Dealers said banks chose to lend riyal deposits once it was clear their interest rates were higher than the yield for the one to five-year bonds, Saudi Arabia's first major borrowing for 25 years. Banks must submit

bids by noon today.

"When people saw the bond yields were below riyal deposits, they wanted to give away the riyal," one dealer said.

Rumours of a riyal devaluation yesterday proved unfounded.

Dealers said Kingdom banks had taken out long positions after news of the issue leaked out last week and were still adequately covered to bid for their share of the bonds.

Dropped

One-month deposits dropped to 7-9/16, 11/16 per cent from eight, 7-7/8 on Saturday. Three-months declined to eight, 7-3/4 per cent from 8-1/4, 1/8, while six-months fell to 8-3/16, 7-15/16 per cent from 8-13/16, 5/16.

One-year was little changed at 8-3/8, 18 per cent with traders adopting a "wait-and-see" attitude for the long-term maturity.

The spot riyal firmed to 3.7502/05 to the dollar from quotes of 3.7503/08 on Saturday.

Americans still spend too much on imports

Investors worry about US trade

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): Investors around the world worry that Americans still spend too much on imports, and financial analysts say if new US trade figures due on Tuesday do not show a slowdown in the buying spree, money markets could tumble.

The same worries helped set off last October's stock markets crash.

Last week, even as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris said it was surprised at how well the global economy weathered the crash of '87, it warned against complacency.

Strain
Multi-billion-dollar imbalances in international money flows, like the US current account balance of payments deficit which measures trade in goods and international payments for services, are a continuing strain.

The 24-nation organisation said. The problem seems to be that the US economy is doing so well. "The persistence of the present strength of US activity would be a major reason for concern," said the OECD.

risk of accelerating inflation," the OECD said.

If the US payments deficit is high, investors could see it as a signal that Americans are spending more dollars than the rest of the world wants to own, economists say.

In a glut, prices fall. Too many unwanted dollars means the value of the dollar in foreign currencies could tumble.

A key measure of whether there is still a glut will be the US report on its merchandise trade for April, due on Tuesday.

Jumped

"This market is not going to go very far until we see Tuesday's trade figures," said Nigel Green, assistant director for foreign exchange at EBC Amro Bank in London.

Last month, the dollar jumped when the United States reported a sharp drop in its March trade deficit, to \$9.75 billion. Last Wednesday, the figure was revised to \$11.95 billion, taking account of seasonal factors.

expect the dollar to be sold on a number of \$13 to 14 billion," said Toshitake Sudo, a dealer with Nippon Credit Bank in Tokyo.

If the dollar falls, share prices in Europe and Asia tend to drop, too.

A weak dollar can price foreign goods off the American market — it is, in fact, one way of cutting a big trade deficit. It can also give US firms a big pricing advantage overseas.

Sales

Both can mean lost sales for European and Japanese firms.

And if the dollar softens, US markets also suffer — foreign investors play a major role financing the US government budget deficit and their buying is key to any stock market rally.

A big trade deficit could also suggest a spending spree on imports which may signal a rise in inflation.

British pound may fall, says Kuwait economist

A LEADING international financial consultant in Kuwait yesterday expected that the British pound will fall to nearly \$1.75 and to 495 Kuwaiti fils, while the dollar will continue to rise above the level of 276 fils.

Khalid Abu Al Saoud, in an interview with a local daily said that the pound "will plunge to below the level of \$1.80, and may hit the 1.75 level compared to the dollar."

Valued

The British pound is currently valued at 1.8060 of the US currency, and 503.3 Kuwaiti fils.

Without citing reasons behind his predictions of a stronger dollar, Abu Al Saoud said there will be "an understanding and co-ordination among the monetary authorities in the industrial countries."

The leaders of the seven major industrial countries are scheduled to meet in Toronto, Can-

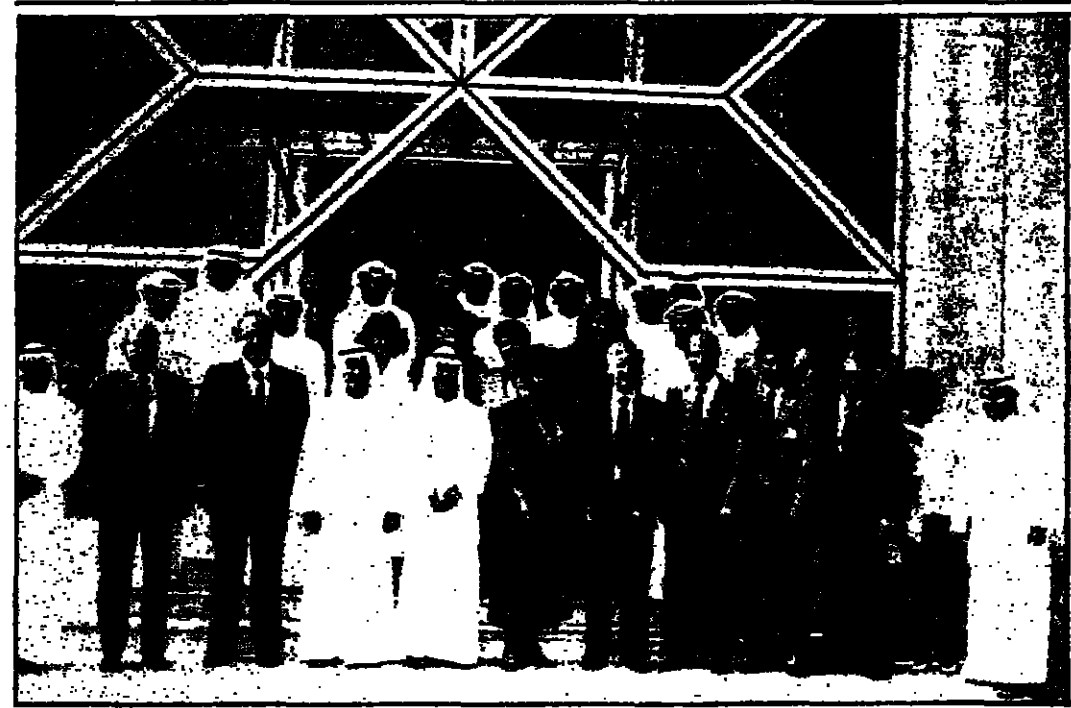
ada on June 19-21 in a regular summit to discuss future plans regulating trade and monetary policies.

The financial expert, whose statements are closely observed by local and regional financial circles, commented on the Japanese market, saying that the market is being given more attention than it deserves.

Undervalued

Commenting on what areas are good to invest in these days, he expressed belief that industrial companies are undervalued in international markets and they make an attractive investment over the medium range.

Stocks such as Du Pont, Ford Motors, Eastman Kodak, IBM, British Petroleum and Goodyear are very attractive right now because the market has not yet realised their potential profits, according to the consultant.



The Commercial Bank of Kuwait celebrated the graduation of the 8th group of Credit Course trainees on 1.6.1988. The course was presented by a group of highly specialised instructors. In an opening speech, Mohamed Abdul Rahman Al Yahya, Chief General Manager, congratulated the 15 graduates on their achievement and urged them to strive to continually upgrade and develop the credit aspects of banking. Certificates were distributed by him to the graduates.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	0.880	0.870	0.880	0.870	775000	20
GULF BANK	0.350	0.360	0.360	0.350	1020000	37
COMMERCIAL BK	0.255	0.265	0.275	0.250	5170000	139
ABU BANK	0.290	0.295	0.295	0.290	430000	17
B.K.M.E	0.305	0.310	0.310	0.310	20000	1
K.R.F.E	0.330	---	---	---	---	---
RUSSIAN BANK	0.244	0.255	0.255	0.246	2390000	67
K.F.HOUSE	0.425	0.435	0.440	0.410	1460000	41
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.172	0.174	0.176	0.172	80000	3
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.I.C.	0.158	---	---	---	---	---
COM.FACILITIES	0.470	---	---	---	---	---
AMLIAN INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.102	20000	1
INV. PEARL KUT	0.114	0.114	0.116	0.112	1160000	21
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KUT INSURANCE	0.690	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.330	---	---	---	---	---
AMLIA INS. CO.	0.540	---	---	---	---	---
WARBA INS. CO.	0.460	---	---	---	---	---
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
KUT R.E. CO.	0.222	0.228	0.230	0.228	140000	5
UNI R.E. CO.	0.114	0.114	0.114	0.112	360000	12
MAT R.E. CO.	0.208	---	---	---	---	---
SALMAN R.E.	0.075	---	---	---	---	---
KUT PROJECTS	0.094	0.094	0.094	0.094	680000	6
KUT R.E.I.COM	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
MAT IND. CO.	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
KUT M.P. IND.	0.290	---	---	---	---	---
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.240	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.415	---	---	---	---	---
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.030	---	---	---	---	---
K.P.H.IND. CO.	0.220	---	---	---	---	---
CONF.MARINE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
K.S.H.REP.CO.	0.042	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.174	0.176	0.176	0.176	20000	1
CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.021	0.021	0.021	0.021	1120000	6
MOBILE TELE.	0.400	0.405	0.410	0.405	1190000	31
KUT COMPUTER	0.196	0.198	0.198	0.194	240000	9
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.224	---	---	---	---	---
UNITO FISHERIES	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
UNITO POULTRY	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
KUT FOODS	0.300	0.290	0.290	0.290	30000	1
AGRI.FOOD PRO.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KUT SECTOR						
BHW.INTER.BK	0.068	0.068	0.069	0.068	480000	8
BHW.N.EAST.BK	0.048	0.048	0.047	0.047	106542	1
UNITO.GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.102	0.102	0.106	0.100	---	168
A.G.INV.CORP	0.037	0.036	0.036	0.036	1840000	10
FIRST.GULF BK	0.620	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.I.G.	0.081	---	---	---	---	---
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INV.CO.	0.041	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INTL INS	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.020	---	---	---	---	---
C.R.K.WHITE CHMT	0.023	---	---	---	---	---
D-AMMAN CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
E-PAJAJIRAN CENT	0.008	---	---	---	---	---
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	---	---	---	---	---
H-UMM QATUAIN	0.023	---	---	---	---	---

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAH PORT AS ON 12/6/88			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	ETA No.
1	Odyseas-H	Alghamim	4842988
2	Tug Salvista	GH & Q	4747815
3	Kailash	"	"
6	Zarka	"	"
16	Frio Chile	Al Bader	2433537
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAH PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	ETA No.
12/6	Barge Jubail	Gulf Star	4845001
13/6	Myohpin	ISA	2441860
13/6	Dhulagiri	T. Cont	2436920
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	ETA No.
2	Trade Fair	M.A. Bahar	2433881
8	Sunset	GH Barber	4842988
12	Ionian Express	"	"
16	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	ETA No.
12/6	Tokyo Bridge	United Shpg	2457958
12/6	Abu Basma	RSMS	2423642
15/6	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
16/6	Vito	RSMS	2423642
17/6	Lelaps	RSMS	2423642
20/6	Mikhail Stenko	RSMS	2423642
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			JOR LIM-BRICK	0.23	0.23
			JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
			JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.55	2.57
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.23	1.21	JOR PAPER CARDBOG	3.09	3.12
ARAB ALLIUM IND.	1.68	1.69	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.38	2.36
ARAB BANK	114.0114.2		JOR PHS MANUFACT	1.16	1.17
ARAB CEMENT DTR	4.00	4.00	JOR PRESS/PUBLISHT	2.00	2.15
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38	1.38	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.00	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.62	0.62
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98	JOR SECURITY CORP.	0.80	0.75
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.67	2.68
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.11	1.09
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	2.10	2.10	JOR-WORSTED, MLL	4.50	4.50
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.33	0.33	JOR KUWAIT AGT	1.00	1.00
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	1.96	1.96	JOR PETROLIUM REF	7.32	7.35
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---	JOR. INV.-FIN. CORP.	1.99	2.00
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.30	0.29
BANK OF JORDAN	15.40	15.35	JORDAN DAILY	1.02	1.03
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.20	1.20
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.49	0.48	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.50	1.49	JORDAN ISLAMIC BANK	1.75	1.75
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.44	0.43	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.46	1.45
FINANCE/CREDIT/CON	0.54	0.54	JORDAN TAJMIN	2.00	2.00
GENERAL OWNERS OFF.	0.40	0.40	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.77
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MACE/EGU/RENT/MAIN	0.78	0.78
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.26	1.27	NAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
GENERAL MINING.	1.30	1.30	NIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75	NIDDEL EAST INS	0.60	0.60
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	1.32	NIDDELS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
IND. MATCH JENDO	0.64	0.64	NAT. FIN.-INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
INDUST. DEVELOP. BSK	1.50	1.51	NAT./CABEL/VIRE/HF	0.97	0.98
INDUSTRIAL COM/TRA	1.28	1.26	NATIONAL ANLIA INS	1.24	1.23
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.38	0.40
INTERCOM/INV	0.19	0.19	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72	0.72
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96	NATIONAL STEEL	2.70	2.70
ISLANTIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ITERHED/PETRI/CH	1.28	1.28	PETRA BANK	1.94	1.94
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PETRA JOR.INS.	0.50	0.50
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.27	PILADOLPHIA INS.	0.85	0.86
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JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.09	1.10	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.41	0.40
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JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHN.IND	1.58	1.54
JOR INDUSTRY CHEN.	1.54	1.53	UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
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BASEBALL
ROUNDUPChicago
overcome
St Louis

ST LOUIS, June 12, (AP): Fresh off the disabled list, Rick Sutcliffe was in no mood to be pampered.

Sutcliffe, activated earlier in the day, had been sidelined since May 21 with a strained rib cage muscle in his left side. He retired the first nine batters and allowed only two hits in six innings to even his record at 4-4 as the Chicago Cubs defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 2-0 last night.

"Yeah, I was mad when they took me out," said Sutcliffe, who entered the game with an earned run average of 4.96. "I don't believe in guys going five or six innings, then taking a hike because they've got the lead."

Vance Law doubled in the second and scored on a two-out opposite-field triple by Mark Grace, who had four hits the night before.

In the third, Shawon Dunston led off with a single, stole second and scored on Rafael Palmeiro's single. With two outs, Ryne Sandberg singled and Law walked to load the bases before Magrane retired Jody Davis on a fly out.

Reds 2, Giants 2
A throwing by shortstop Matt Williams scored the go-ahead run in a six-run eighth-inning rally as Cincinnati defeated San Francisco. Tom Browning, 4-3, allowed five hits, walked two and struck out six in seven innings. Rod Murphy and John Franco finished up.

Expos 6, Mets 4
Hot hitting Tim Lincecum drove home three runs with a double and two singles as Montreal beat New York 6-4 and sent the Mets to their fourth straight loss. Floyd Youmans, 2-5, pitched six hitless innings and pitched out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the seventh, got his second save.

Astros 5, Braves 4
Kevin Bass, who threw out the potential go-ahead run at the plate an inning earlier, scored from base on Terry Puhl's infield single in the 11th inning last night as Houston beat Atlanta. Dave Smith, 3-3, the loser in Houston's 10-3 loss in 13 innings Friday night to Atlanta, got the victory.

Padres 2, Dodgers 1
Recently acquired Dennis Rasmussen pitched a five-hitter, struck out 10 and hit a sacrifice fly as San Diego defeated Los Angeles. With the score tied in the bottom of the sixth, Keith Moreland led off against Don Sutton. 3-4, with a line drive past diving center fielder John Shelby for a double.

Yankees 8, Orioles 6
Rookie Jay Buhner hit his first Major League Grand Slam and John Candelaria won his seventh straight start. Candelaria, 8-2, allowed six hits in six innings. Jeff Ballard, 2-3, gave up eight hits and six runs.

Royals 7, Angels 0
Mark Gubicza allowed only two hits and Kurt Stillwell had the first four-hit game of his career as Kansas City shut out California. Both hits off Gubicza, 8-5, were singles — by Chili Davis in the fourth inning and an infield bouncer by Darrell Miller in the eighth. Gubicza walked one and struck out nine, his high for the season.

White Sox 5, Brewers 3
Daryl Boston homered in the third inning and scored the go-ahead run in the fifth after hitting a controversial triple as Chicago defeated Milwaukee. Jerry Reuss, 5-2, pitched five innings, allowing six hits, walking three and striking out four as he earned his 203rd career victory.

Blue Jays 4, Red Sox 3
Sili Campuzano's run-scoring single with two outs in the 10th inning yesterday gave Toronto the victory over Boston. The Blue Jays' eighth straight victory over the Red Sox. Duane Ward, 3-0, pitched three innings of one-hit relief, striking out one and walking one.

Tigers 11, Indians 3
Jack Morris beat Cleveland for the seventh consecutive time and Gary Pettis had three hits and drove in two runs as Detroit won its fourth straight and moved into second place in the A.L. East. Morris, 6-7, allowed one earned run and eight hits in seven innings before Eric King finished.

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Aouita sets two-mile record



Aouita: broke his own mark

CASABLANCA, June 12, (Reuters): Morocco's champion runner Said Aouita ran two miles in eight minutes 13.09 seconds to set a new unofficial world record at an international athletics meeting in Casablanca last night.

The organisers said there was some dispute about the timing because someone walked through the photoelectric beam and stopped the clock at eight minutes when Aouita was about 110 metres from the finish.

He was timed manually at 8 minutes 13.09 seconds, to beat his own world record of 8 minutes 13.45 seconds which he set in Turin, Italy, on May 5 last year. Aouita, who also holds the 1,500 metre, 2,000 metre and 5,000 metre world records, was literally speechless with anger after the race, waving journalists away.

Britain's Steve Cram clocked 3 minutes 37.43 seconds in the 1,500 metre event, substantially

below his own personal best of 3:29.47 which he set in Helsinki. Second was Omar Khalifa of Sudan in 3:39.78.

Cram, who goes on to race in Paris and Oslo, said "I hope Aouita will come to my home town of Jarrow when we hold our athletics meet."

Calvin Smith of the United States, who won the 100-metre sprint in 10.21 seconds. It was way off the record he set in July 1983 in Colorado Springs when he clocked 9.93 seconds.

He said he was satisfied with his performance. "But I'm for a difficult time back home in the States for the national championships one month from now. There are so many good young guys coming up."

It was the first international athletics meeting to be held in Casablanca, where Aouita lives. There were 250 athletes taking part, 50 of them from 13 foreign countries. It is to be made an annual event.

Risen Star romps to glory

ELMONT, N.Y. June 12, (Reuters): Risen Star, emulating his famous father Secretariat, romped to an easy victory in the 120th Belmont Stakes yesterday to claim a million-dollar bonus for his exploits in US horse racing's triple crown.

The colt, winning the mile and a half race with a time topped only by his famed sire, won by nearly 15 lengths over Kingpost, at 17-1 the longest shot in the six-horse field.

Brian's time finished another two lengths back in third, co-favourite Winning Colors, the filly who won the Kentucky Derby, finished a further 25 lengths

back in last place.

Risen Star, which also won last month's Preakness, drew away with ease under jockey Eddie Delahoussaye, building his lead throughout the stretch to win in two minutes 26 and 2/5 seconds — a Belmont Time second only to Secretariat's 2:24.

Believe

"This horse was going so easy I don't believe I had to even pat him once," said Delahoussaye. "When I got near the stretch he felt just as strong as at the half-mile pole."

Risen Star won \$303,720 for his co-owners, Ronnie

Lamarque and Louis J. Rousell, as well as the million triple crown bonus for best overall performance in the three races. He finished third in the Kentucky Derby on May 7.

Winning Colors set the early pace, followed closely by Risen Star. The colt pulled ahead with about a half-mile remaining, then surged to his impressive victory.

The winning margin was the fourth largest in race history. His sire, Secretariat, holds the record for his 31-length victory in 1973. "He looked like his daddy today," said the beaming Delahoussaye.

Yuh outpoints De Jesus

SEOUL, June 12, (Reuters): Yuh Myung-Woo of South Korea outpointed Puerto Rican Jose de Jesus to retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior-flyweight title with a split decision today.

The 12-round bout in Taejeon, South Korea, was a replica of the fighters' first encounter two years and three months ago. Yuh outpointed the big-punching but slower De Jesus during his first defence of the WBA championship he took from American Jose Olivo in December 1985. The 24-year-old Korean has now successfully defended his title for the eighth time.

"I knew he had the stronger

punch than mine, so I had to use my speed and stamina to wear him down in the early rounds," Yuh told reporters.

"Yes, he was much stronger than when I first met him. I found him speedier and more of an all-round boxer."

De Jesus, one year older than the champion, opened briskly with a strong jab, and kept on picking up points with some hard punches.

In the second round, Yuh flicked out a stinging right straight to the face that helped the Puerto Rican on his first and last trip to the canvas. Canadian referee Hubert Early ruled it a slip and De Jesus leaped to his feet immediately.

Japan capture volleyball title

FUJISAWA, Japan, June 12, (AP): Japan downed Cuba 8-15, 15-12, 15-6, 15-11 for its third straight victory today to capture the Nihon Cup men's volleyball title.

Cuba finished second with 2-1. In the day's second match at Aikubai Sports Centre, west of Tokyo, Jan Posthumus from the Netherlands scored three spikes and seven block points to power his team to a 13-15, 15-10, 17-15, 15-8 victory over South Korea. It was the Netherlands' first win against two defeats.

Lee Sang-Yoel and Kim Eun-Suk each scored nine points for South Korea which finished at 0-3 in the four-team round robin tournament.

Galaxy rout Bright Stars for second straight win

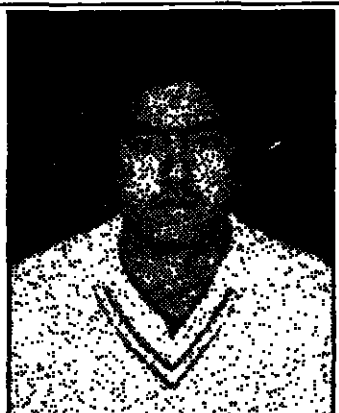
GALAXY Cricket Club crushed Bright Stars by 10 wickets at the Sabah Al Salem (NC) ground on Friday for its second straight victory in the K.C.L. Summer League cricket tournament.

Salem won the toss for Bright Stars and elected to open the innings with Aslam. Bright Stars were quickly in trouble, losing both their openers with only 18 runs on the board.

Bright Stars kept losing their wickets at regular intervals and could only manage to score 144 for the loss of eight wickets in the allotted 21 overs.

Mohammed Ali was the top scorer with 55. He hit two sixes and four fours as he tried to take his team to a respectable score. The only other batsmen to reach the double figures were Robin with 15 runs and Ahmed 10.

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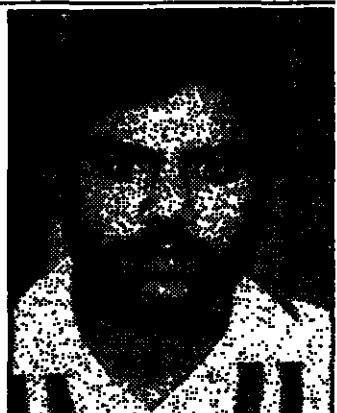


Aslam: hit 75 runs

identical figures of three for 23 to take the bowling honours for Galaxy. Dawood took one wicket.

Galaxy opened their innings through Aslam and Ejaz Ahmed, who were set the task of scoring about seven runs per over for victory. Both the batsmen showed complete command of the bowling with only Chris and Robin checking the flow of runs for a little while.

Arshed Pindival came in for a bit of punishment when he was



Ejaz: all-round performance

hit for three consecutive fours by Aslam Rana.

Galaxy reached the victory target with three balls to spare and without losing any wicket. Aslam Rana, who was the more aggressive of the two, remained unbeaten on 78 and hit nine fours. Ejaz Ahmed was unbeaten on 59 and hit only three fours.

For Bright Stars, Chris, and left-arm spinner Saeed bowled economically but without any success.

Middlesex and Kent find batting difficult

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): Twenty wickets fell for only 202 runs on the first day of the three-day county championship match between Middlesex and Kent at Tunbridge Wells yesterday.

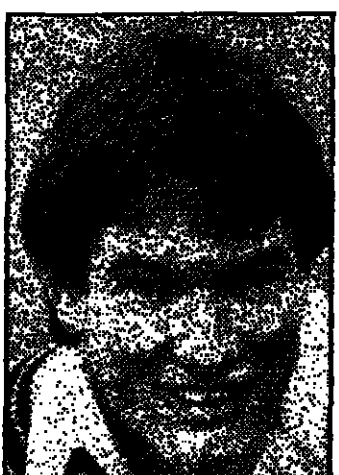
After being sent in to bat, Middlesex were bowled out for 92 off 38.2 overs, with only Mike Gatting (20) and Keith Brown (25) reaching double figures as Chris Penn and Chris Cowdrey took four wickets each.

Stretched

But then Kent fared just as badly, slumping to 55 for seven before their lower order batsmen stretched their total to 110, a first innings lead of 18. Angus Fraser was the best of the Middlesex bowlers with four for 30.

When bad light ended play over an hour early, Middlesex were 16 without loss in their second innings, still two runs behind.

But there were plenty of runs elsewhere with young master Graeme Hick among them again. He blasted 177 as Worcestershire cruised to 354 for three against Hampshire.



Hick: slammed 177

And as the young Zimbabwe-born batsman moved past his century, which contained a six and 13 fours, he received a special aerial salute from county colleague Ian Botham.

The Worcester and England all-rounder, released from hospital earlier after a back operation, arranged for the helicopter taking him home to fly over the



Penn: four for 36

county ground to acknowledge Hick's fourth century of the season.

Worcestershire opener Tim Curtis, although outpaced by Hick, also made a century and was unbeaten on 127 at the close.

Another century came from Derbyshire captain Kim Barnett, the player who had been touted in many quarters as a



Cowdrey: four for 16

replacement for sacked England skipper Gating. He scored a career-best 175 as Derbyshire reached 329 to which Gloucestershire had replied with 43 without loss at the end of play.

Scores

At Tunbridge Wells: Middlesex 92 in 38.2 overs (C. Cowdrey four for 16, C. Penn four for 36) and 16 for no wicket. Kent



Moses opens season with easy 400m victory

TUCSON, Arizona, June 12, (Reuters): Olympic and world champion Ed Moses recorded his best-ever season's opening performance yesterday when he won a 400 metres hurdles event in 48.38 seconds.

"A time of 48.5 is acceptable for an opening meeting and I did better than that," Moses said after the race at the University of Arizona.

George Porter finished 20 metres back in second place in 49.71 seconds and another American, Travel Hawkins, was third in 49.79 seconds.

Andre Phillips, who is expected to be one of Moses' toughest opponents at the Olympic trials next month, also competed in the Arizona meeting, but ran in different events.

Phillips won the 200 metres in 20.51 seconds, the 400 metres in 45.10 seconds and the 110 metres hurdles in 13.65 seconds.

Another candidate for the US team, sprinter Ron Brown who was a member of the 1984 American Olympic team, won the 100 metres in 10.29 seconds.

The 32-year-old Moses, who has won two Olympic and two world gold medals as well as holding the world record, said he

would go home to California and train hard for two days before deciding when he would compete again. He is expected to run once or twice more before the US Olympic trials.

Asked when he would go to Europe, Moses replied: "Possibly after the (US Olympic) trials."

Moses, who defeated American Danny Harris and West German Harald Schmid in a thrilling final at the World Championships last year, said he had learned of the Arizona meeting two days ago and decided on Friday to compete because the event was close to home.

"I've been on a long training programme since December and just decided to run," Moses said. Gordon Baskin, Moses' business manager, said Moses was being very selective about when and where he runs this year.

"He does not want to peak too early for the Olympics," Baskin said.

Baskin said discussions had been held with the promoter of the August 8 meeting in Malmö, Sweden, "but we have not tied that down."

He would not say what other meetings Moses was considering.

US Open Championship Brookline

HARRISON, N.Y. June 12, (Reuters): The US Open next week returns to the site of one of the most historic events in the history of golf in this country, the Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts.

It was at that exclusive club outside Boston in the 1913 Open that a young American amateur, Francis Ouimet, shocked the sporting world by defeating the best players from Britain, who dominated the game at that time.

Quimet, a 20-year-old former caddy who lived across the road from the club, had the audacity to finish 72 holes tied with Ted Ray and the already legendary Harry Vardon, two of the finest players ever, and then go on to win the playoff beating Vardon by five and Ray by six strokes.

Biggest

The decisive victory, witnessed by 10,000 spectators — by far the biggest crowd ever to see a golf match at that time — and written about in every US newspaper, introduced the game to millions of Americans.

"He (Ouimet) proved it was not a game of the privileged alone but belonged to anyone who could find some clubs and balls and a place to play," Elmer Cappers, historian of the Country Club, wrote in the club's centennial history in 1982.

Seventy-five years after Ouimet's historic upset, a similar scenario may be played out at the Country Club next weekend — with the roles reversed.

He finished seventh here last year but managed only to tie for 36th in the Open.

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Since World War Two Americans have dominated the game, but that has been changing with the emergence of players such as Sandy Lyle of Britain, Greg Norman of Australia, Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Bernhard Langer of West Germany and several others.

Non-Americans have won the last four British Opens and four of the last nine US Masters, convincingly breaking a US stranglehold on the game's major championships.

But a foreigner will have to win the United States Open — arguably the most difficult of the four majors — if the game is really to be retaken from the Americans.

Only Australian David Graham in 1981 and Tony Jacklin in 1970 have prevented an American from winning his national championship in the past 40 years.

However, Lyle, winner of this year's US Masters and the 1985 British Open, Ballesteros, a two-time winner of both those majors, and Norman, winner of the 1986 British Open, all have their sights on this year's championship and were playing in the Westchester Classic here to prepare for the Open, which begins on Thursday.

Strategy

Lyle, who has won two other US tour events this year in addition to the Masters, also came here to adjust to the time zone after spending the past month playing in Europe.

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Australia
outclass
England

SYDNEY, June 12, (Reuters): The brilliance of Australian left wing David Campese and the accurate boot of flyhalf Michael Lynagh were primarily responsible today for Australia recording a comfortable 28-8 win in the second Rugby Union Test.

The victory gave Australia a two-nil win in the series but England could take some heart from a spirited performance, although the scoreline was less flattering than the 22-16 defeat they suffered in Brisbane a fortnight ago.

The first 15 minutes of the match were all England's and an upset looked possible when England left wing Rory Underwood posted the first points with a try in the 10th minute.

But Australia scored the remaining points of the first half through tries to number eight David Carter and centre Gary Ella. Lynagh converted both tries and kicked a penalty to give Australia an 18-4 lead at the interval.

Resulted

Ten minutes after half-time, Campese and scrumhalf and captain Nick Farr-Jones combined in a blindside move from a short line-out which resulted in Campese's 26th Test try.

England number eight Dean Richards scored for England with a pushover try midway through the second half but Campese had the final say when he set Lynagh up for the last try of the match with only a minute remaining.

Australian coach Bob Dwyer praised the Englishmen for their contribution to a much better exhibition of rugby than the first Test.

"England played much better and so did we," Dwyer said. "There were some disappointing aspects of our performance but defence wasn't one of them."

"We've got to control the ball a lot better, but we're improving."

England manager Geoff Cooke said he was proud of the way his players had gone about the task of restoring England's rugby reputation, which had taken a battering over the last fortnight.

France score
16 tries against
Buenos Aires

BUENOS AIRES, June 12, (Reuters): France issued a strong warning to the Pumas a week before the first Test when they overran a Buenos Aires XV 82-0 (30-0) scoring 16 tries in the third match of their tour of Argentina yesterday.

Buenos Aires, a mix of inexperienced young backs and some Pumas has-beens in the forwards had no answer to the brilliant, open rugby displayed by the second best team in the world according to the final placings in last year's World Cup.

One try, the first of 10 in a second half in which France were virtually unstoppable, serves to illustrate the superb control and passing of the whole side and in which scrum half and captain Pierre Berbizier, centre Philippe Sella and the two wing forwards, villa cogs in a well oiled machine, played a part.

Taunted

Flanker Eric Champ intercepted a pass between the Buenos Aires backs in the French half at the Velez Sarsfield soccer ground and served Sella, who taunted the opposition with two dummies before passing to the right.

Sella's pass set up a blind side run in which he turned up again to take a pass served by Berbizier from behind his back on the edge of the touch line. Flanker Marc Cecilia got in on the end of the move to touch down the first of his two tries.

Berbizier, the orchestrator of most of France's moves, often chose the blind side, drawing the Buenos Aires defence away from the centre of the field before the French backs ran the ball quickly back to the open side.

Moxon replaces Gating

LONDON, June 12, (Reuters): Yorkshire's Martyn Moxon was today picked to fill the batting place of dismissed captain Mike Gatting for England's second cricket Test against West Indies beginning at Lord's on Thursday.

The 28-year-old opener with seven Tests behind him was preferred by the selectors to untried Derbyshire skipper Kim Barnett, suggested in some quarters as a future England captain.

Appeared

Pace bowler Gladstone Small was also included in the squad of 12 following his career-best seven for 15 against Nottinghamshire last week and it appeared certain either fellow seamer Phillip DeFreitas or Paul Jarvis would be omitted from the final team.

Barbados-born Small toured with England during the World Cup campaign last year but has not appeared in a Test match for nearly 18 months after a back injury kept him out of the series against Pakistan last season.

Moxon was selected to make his Test debut against West Indies at Lord's four years ago but was forced to withdraw with a cracked rib.

He had a successful tour with England early this year, making 40 against Australia in the Bicentenary Test and his last two innings in New Zealand produced 99 and 81 not out.

The appointment of off-spinner John Emburey as captain was announced on Friday following the sacking of Gatting after allegations of misconduct at his hotel during the drawn first Test at Nottingham.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Road race

SUZUKA, Japan, June 12, (AP): Japan's Tadashi Ohshima, riding a Honda CBR750, finished first in today's 750cc race as Japanese riders dominated the first four places at the 1988 International Suzuki 200-kilometre road race.

Legends tourney

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 12, (AP): Former Wimbledon champion Stan Smith defeated Ili Nastase to advance to the men's final of the \$135,000 Mory Tournament of Legends at the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

Davis leads

RICKMANSWORTH, England, June 12, (Reuter): Australian Rodger Dwyer finished strongly to hold a slender one-stroke lead after the third round of the National Pro-celebrity Golf Tournament at Moor Park yesterday.

Three-way tie

ROCHESTER, N.Y., June 12, (Reuter): Nancy Lopez, Caroline Gowan and Laurie Peterson were hooked up in a three-way tie for lead yesterday after 54 holes of the \$300,000 Rochester International Golf Tournament at Locust Hill.

Sapporo golf

SAPPORO, Japan, June 12, (AP): Naomichi Ozaki shot a 71 today to win the 50 million yen (\$400,000) Sapporo Tokyo Open golf tournament, three strokes ahead of the second-place finisher, his brother Tetsu.

Women's soccer

BEIJING, June 12, (AP): The Norwegian women's soccer team, tops in Europe, beat Sweden 1-0 today to win the first International Women's Soccer Championship in Canton.

Yacht race

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 12, (AP): French sailor Philippe Poupin holds the lead in the Carlsberg Single Handed Transatlantic Yacht Race, said a race spokesman. Spokesman Tony Fairchild said Poupin could break his own record set in 1984 if he kept going at the same pace.

Lundgren wins

EDINBURGH, June 12, (Reuter): Peter Lundgren of Sweden won the Scottish Grasscourt Tennis Championship at Craiglockhart today to double his 1988 earnings. Lundgren beat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-3 7-5 in 69 minutes.

Bologna tennis

BOLOGNA, Italy, June 12, (Reuter): Fifth seed Alberto Mancini of Argentina won the Bologna international clay court tennis tournament today, beating second seed Emilio Sanchez of Spain 7-5 7-6 (7-4) in the final.

Mike Gatting

LONDON, June 12, (Reuter): Sacked captain Mike Gatting said he and his team felt "dreadfully let down" by England's cricket authorities during last year's controversial tour of Pakistan.

E. Asia squash

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, June 12, (AP): Hong Kong Robbie Robinson and Singapore's Zainal Abidin will meet in the final of the annual East Asia Squash Championship tomorrow night.

Pakistani umpire

ISLAMABAD, June 12, (Reuter): Pakistani Cricket Control Board (BCCP) secretary Arif Abbasi said today a report that Shukoor Rana had been dropped as a Test umpire was "baseless".

HOUGHTON SCORES DECISIVE GOAL

Ireland stun England in opener

STUTTGART, West Germany, June 12, (Reuter): Ireland marked their first appearance in the finals of a major soccer tournament with a hard-earned but famous victory when they beat England 1-0 in today's opening European Championship Group Two match at the Neckarstadion.

Midfielder Ray Houghton, with a header after only six minutes, scored the decisive goal and set up Ireland's first triumph over England since September 1949. The goal was Houghton's first for his country.

On a warm and sunny afternoon, England were never able to fight or scheme their way back despite abundant possession. Striker Gary Lineker, scorer of 26 goals in his previous 32 internationals, wasted two glorious chances in the second half.

Jubilant

These were costly for England as they slithered to their first defeat in nine games, while the jubilant Irish celebrated an extension of their recent unbeaten run to 11 matches.

The English fans in the 53,000 crowd were kept under close control throughout the afternoon by more than 700 West German police.

Just as in the 1986 Mexico World Cup finals, England began with an air of assurance which was quickly dispelled as Ireland tackled quickly and passed accurately in midfield to take control.

After containing England's initial attacks, Ireland began to sweep the ball around and the England defence, in which central defender Mark Wright was



England's Neil Webb watches the ball go into the net after it was headed by Houghton. (Reuter wirephoto)

only passed fit to play following a late test, looked ponderous and ill at ease.

It still came as a surprise, however, when the Irish swept ahead after six minutes in only their second serious raid.

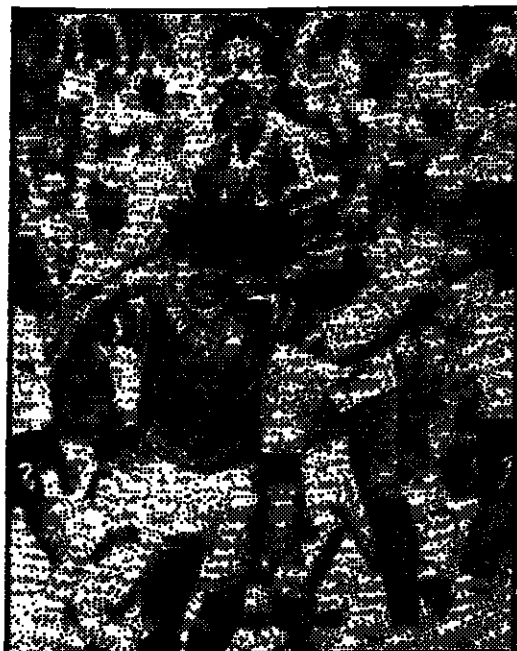
The goal followed a free-kick by Irish centre-back Kevin Moran. Gary Stevens failed to clear the danger and from Irish winger Tony Galvin's cross Kenny Sansom sliced another poor clearance high into the air.

As the ball fell, John Aldridge outjumped the England defenders to head the ball across the goalmouth for Houghton to

direct an angled header beyond Peter Shilton's reach.

Ireland were lifted by their advantage and England reduced to a succession of fouls to avoid falling further behind as Galvin and Aldridge attempted to go through.

England, beaten only twice in 17 matches since the 1986 World Cup finals, became increasingly desperate as they failed to break down Ireland's well-drilled defence and it was not until the second half, and the introduction of substitute Glenn Hoddle for Neil Webb in midfield, that they created any openings.



Houghton (left) is jumped on by teammate Ronnie Whelan after he scored the winning goal. (Reuter wirephoto)

The best of these fell to Lineker, leading scorer at the 1986 World Cup finals, but he was sorely out of touch in front of goal and twice was left thumping the ground in frustration.

First, from captain Bryan Robson's through ball after 59 minutes, he lofted a shot wide. Later, with only 15 minutes remaining, he was off target again from close range following Beardsley's pass.

Hoddle's perspective passing enabled England to apply great pressure, but Ireland, with the aid of two fine saves by Pat Bonner from Hoddle and Hateley,

survived a frantic final 20 minutes to claim only their second win over England in 10 attempts.

Ireland came to the tournament as the lowest ranked of the eight participating teams, while England was considered one of the top favourites to clinch its first European title.

Ireland is managed by Jack Charlton, who won the World Cup with England in 1966.

England now has the daunting task of trying to gain qualification points against the Soviet Union and the Netherlands, the two other teams in Group 2.

Only two teams from each group advance to the semifinals and England may need to win both remaining matches to have a chance of getting through.

Lineups: England: Peter Shilton, Gary Stevens, Mark Wright, Tony Adams, Kenny Sansom, Chris Waddle, Neil Webb (Glenn Hoddle 60), Bryan Robson, John Barnes, Gary Lineker, Peter Beardsley (Mark Hateley, 83).

Ireland: Paddy Bonner, Chris Morris, Mick McCarthy, Kevin Moran, Chris Hughton, Ray Houghton, Paul McGrath, Ronnie Whelan, Tony Galvin (Kevin Sheedy 75), John Aldridge, Frank Stapleton (Niall Quinn, 63).

Meanwhile, forty-four English and Irish fans were arrested early today after violent brawls in Stuttgart city centre.

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Senna overcomes bad start for victory

MONTREAL, June 12, (AP): Brazil's Ayrton Senna overcame a bad start today and blazed his turbo-powered McLaren Honda to a victory in the Canadian Grand Prix.

Senna's McLaren teammate, Alain Prost of France, finished second, but crossed the finish line 5.934 seconds behind Senna.

Races

Thierry Boutsen, driving a normally-aspirated Benetton Ford, finished a surprising third, about 50 seconds behind Senna.

Three-time Formula One champion Nelson Piquet finished fourth in a Lotus Honda and Italy's Andrea de Cesaris in a Rial Ford was fifth.

The victory was the second for Senna so far this year. Prost has won the other three races. Prost bolted past Senna, who had won the pole position on the



Senna: on his way to victory

starting grid, after the Brazilian got off to a skidding start. But Senna waited 19 laps

before passing Prost on a hairpin turn to gain the lead. It was a miserable day for the

Al Hajri's practice car damaged

AMMAN: Saeed Al Hajri's preparation for the Rothmans Jordan Rally suffered a setback yesterday after his practice car blew its engine in the desert near Qatraneh.

At the same time, the practice vehicle of Dubai's Mohammed Bin Sulayem was damaged when a private car backed into the front of it outside his Amman hotel.

And Michel Saleh, still without news of when his engine will be reunited with his Emirates-sponsored Audi Quattro, was fighting the prospect of not reaching the start line at Amman's Roman amphitheatre on Wednesday.

For Sulayem, the reigning Middle East champion and winner here last year, this incident

was little more than an irritation. Al Hajri's had a fair degree of seriousness for it has robbed him of two days of vital practice — yet it had its comic moments.

The Rothmans Audi Quattro driver walked out of the desert with co-driver Steve Bond and hitched a lift 90 kms back to Amman on a luxury tourist bus.

Al Hajri was recognised and greeted effusively by the Jordanian guide who spent the rest of the journey informing 35 bewildered but appreciative Puerto Ricans about the exact nature of the achievements of the two-time Middle East champion.

The Qatar sat back in air-conditioned comfort with a fixed smile, shaking hands and acknowledging endless lavishing of praise.

Later he added: "It is a big problem for us. We have to check all our practice notes and without a fast car that is impossible."

When the German-based Czech Zdenek Mrazek eventually gets here with his Toyota Celica 4WD, he will feel that he has already completed a rally far more difficult than the one he is about to embark on. Towing the Group A vehicle on a trailer from Germany, he negotiated successfully the first major obstacle in clearing the Turkish-Syrian border.

Then the tow-truck broke down at the Jordanian frontier and had it not been for the efforts of George Haddad — the Toyota dealer and once a regular competitor in the Jordan Rally — that might well have been the end of the road.

Kenya A and India triumph

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 12, (AP): Kenya A beat Kenya B 6-4 and India defeated Canada 5-1 on the second day of play in a pre-Olympic Hockey Tournament today.

Kenya A got its goals in the 9th, 26th, 61st, 62nd, 65th and 68th minutes. Goals for Kenya B came in the 24th, 32nd, 54th and 69th minutes.

Sole

India, which won a standing ovation from spectators who braved the cold weather, took the lead in the 16th minute of play.

Other goals for India were scored in the 35th, 36th, 51st and 70th minutes. Canada's sole goal came in the 53rd minute through a penalty flick.

Kohde-Kilsch stuns Shriver

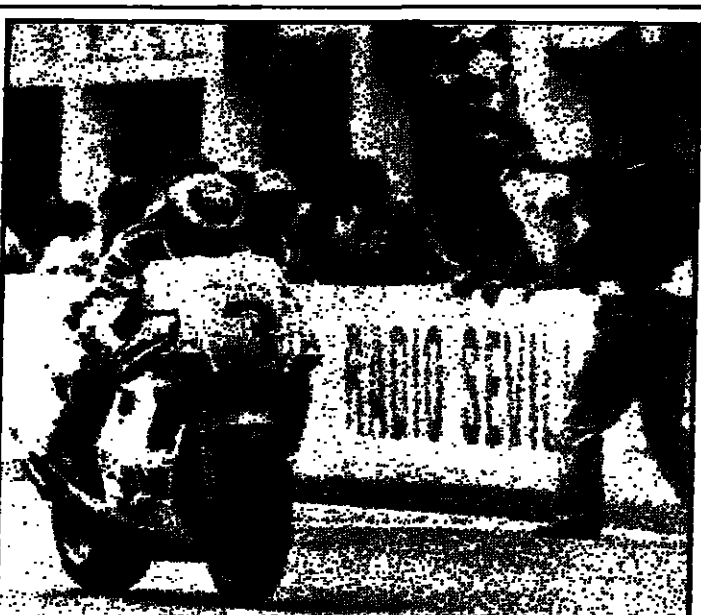
BIRMINGHAM, England, June 12, (Reuter): Claudia Kohde-Kilsch served up a Wimbledon warning today with a crushing defeat of world number three and top seed Pam Shriver in the final of the Edgbaston Women's Grasscourt Tennis Tournament.

The tall West German second seed played brilliantly despite windy conditions to overwhelm the American 6-1 6-2 in just 57 minutes.

Ended

Her impressive performance earned her £15,000 (\$27,150) and ended Shriver's four-year domination of the event.

Kohde-Kilsch did not drop a set in five matches as she won her first tournament for three years. Ironically her last success in 1985 was also over Shriver in Los Angeles.



Lawson takes the chequered flag.

Lawson beats off Gardner to take Austrian Grand Prix

SALZBURG, Austria, June 12, (Reuter): American Eddie Lawson beat off a fierce challenge from world champion Wayne Gardner of Australia to win the Austrian 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix today.

Lawson, riding a Yamaha, was locked in a duel with Gardner's Honda at speeds of up to 300 kph for more than half the race on the Salzburger track before the Australian crashed. He was unhurt.

Ahead

World championship leader Lawson then cruised to an easy victory, 5.79 secs ahead of teammate Didier de Radigues of Belgium and American Wayne Rainey, giving Yamaha a clean sweep of the top three places.

Gardner took big risks with his Honda, which is still plagued by difficult handling, in a bid to score his first win of the season. Several times he drifted at high speed onto the grass verge as he

Voeller plans to repay debt against Denmark

DORTMUND, West Germany, June 12, (Reuter): Rudi Voeller owes Franz Beckenbauer a debt and Denmark could end up paying the bill.

West German team manager Beckenbauer persevered with his plainly off-form striker in the opening match of the European Championship against Italy on Friday.

Voeller, playing in his 50th international, looked a pale shadow of the lethal marksman who once struck terror into the hearts of opposition defences.

Clear

But despite demands in the West German media for Voeller to be dropped, Beckenbauer has

made it clear he intends to stand by his regular number nine for their second match of the tournament against Denmark on Tuesday.

"It has been a great boost for me to know that the team chief still has faith in me," Voeller said at the team camp near Dortmund today.

"I know I've been trying to recapture my old form for months and it just won't come. But I can't live off credit forever and I will do my best to repay my debt against Denmark."

Voeller was completely marked out of the first match by stopper Ricardo Ferri. "But I

think I will have more room against the Danish defence," he said. "And I intend to make use of it."

Voeller has been the national soccer hero of West Germany for the past four or five years but since moving to Roma from Werder Bremen last summer, little has gone right for him.

Niggling injuries and loss of form and confidence have dominated the season of the player who has scored 25 goals for his country.

Before the opening match at Dusseldorf's Rheinstadion, the soccer song "There's only one Rudi Voeller" was played over the public address system.

But the 65,000 crowd, who tried to rouse him by chanting "Rudi, Rudi" every time he received the ball, must have wondered whether this was true, so little did he resemble the great striker of old.

However, Beckenbauer is adamant that keeping faith with Voeller will ultimately pay off. "Rudi Voeller deserves help from all the tremendous things he has done for German football," the manager told reporters.

"There's no-one else in the squad who can challenge him for a place anyway. You should see our training sessions, then you would agree."

Becker tames Edberg for grasscourt crown

LONDON, June 12, (Reuter): Boris Becker confirmed his status as the likeliest Wimbledon champion next month when he took his third London grasscourt title with a controversial 6-1 3-6 6-3 win over Swede Stefan Edberg at Queen's Club today.

Trailing 4-3 in the third set, Edberg served a double fault at 30-30 when his 20-year-old West German opponent interrupted his second service because he was not ready. That point was played again.

The Swede, four places above Becker in the world rankings at number three and one of the major threats to the German's hopes of a third Wimbledon title, again served a double fault when the point was retaken to trail 40-30.

He then served another wild double fault to drop service for the only time in the final set and Becker served out to 15 for the match.

"I was halfway through my second serve when he indicated he wasn't ready," said Edberg, who had lost eight of his previous 12 encounters with his European rival.

"It obviously affected me, but it was my own fault."

Edberg refused to admit he had been psyched out, but used some obscure imagery to describe how close he had come to winning. "It was like taking a boat to America then turning round and going home when you reached the harbour," he told a puzzled after-match assembly.

Becker said he had done nothing out of place and added: "Every time Stefan and I have played and it's gone into a third set, he's dropped serve on a double."

"I was hoping for it. I was looking for it. That's the difference between victory and defeat, how you play the big points. I didn't do anything anyone else wouldn't have done."

"I had a feeling it was an important point, he was going too fast for me and I shouted 'wait!'."

Becker, Wimbledon champion in 1985 and 1986 but a surprise second-round loser to little-known Australian Peter Doohan last year, started the final in sublime form as the sun came out for the first time this week.

Walsh takes five Northants wickets for 49

NORTHAMPTON, England, June 12, (Reuter): West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh ended a lean sequence today with his best figures of the tour, five for 49, in a timely performance before the second cricket Test.

Walsh and fellow paceman Winston Benjamin, who took three for 44, did most of the damage as Northamptonshire were all out for 232 — a first innings deficit of 56.

West Indies were 49 for two at the close of the second day of the three-day match, their last before playing England in the Lord's Test starting on Thursday.

Walsh's effort will have heartened both the Jamaican pace bowler himself and his captain Viv Richards. He had previously taken only one first-class wicket on the tour, and was perhaps feeling the effects of his heavy workload for Gloucestershire last season and West Indies during their 1987-88 tours.

Swiftly

Two of Walsh's wickets were taken overnight and after the county resumed at 40 for two he swiftly accounted for Allan Lamb, currently in England's Test side, and all-rounder David Capel, who has been overlooked since the tour to New Zealand earlier this year.

Lamb was out for six and Capel for two, while Benjamin despatched Robert Bailey (45) and Duncan Wild to accelerate Northant's decline to 135 for seven.

West Indies' progress was held up by uncapped Neil Stanley and left-arm spinner Nick Cook, who put on 67 for the eighth wicket in 29 overs. Stanley was top scorer with 55, made in 220 minutes, while Cook hit 24.



The Jaguar XJR9 steered by Lammers gets the chequered flag. (Reuter wirephoto)

LE MANS, France, June 12, (Reuter): Dutchman Jan Lammers and Britons Johnny Dumfries and Andy Wallace today earned Jaguar their first victory in the Le Mans 24-hour sports car race since 1957.

In a fine finish, the trio held off the spirited challenge of the leading Porsche of Britain's Derek Bell and West Germans Hans-Joachim Stuck and Klaus Ludwig.

Untroubled

The victorious Jaguar, never out of the top two, enjoyed an untroubled race and led for the first six and last 12 hours.

Bell's Porsche ran out of fuel yesterday, dropping two laps and nine places. Then, early today after fighting back to lead briefly, the car also suffered a fractured water pipe, which cost them the lead and more valuable time.

Lammers drove the Jaguar through the chequered flag about 90 seconds ahead of Ludwig in the Porsche — the only other car on the same lap.

The Jaguar lead had been nearer three minutes but Lammers eased on the final lap to cross the line with one of the two other remaining Jaguars.

A particularly close race looked in prospect in mid-morning as rain began to fall. But the rain did not last long and although Porsche cut the gap to two minutes 20 seconds with an hour to go, Jaguar pulled away in the closing stages.

Bell, Le Mans winner five times and victor for the last two years with Stuck, said: "I had good luck with me the years I won and that's what the winning Jaguar enjoyed. We had our problems."

Jaguar entered five cars in the race after only returning to sports car racing in 1985 and Le Mans in 1986. The British manufacturer won Le Mans five times in the 1950s before withdrawing from the sport around the middle of the decade.

Their most fancied pair of Briton Martin Brundle and Dane

Jan Nielsen retired with five hours left after a broken head gasket. But they had never seriously threatened the lead since the second hour when Nielsen ran off the track, costing a lap.

Porsche, winners for the last seven years, met with water pipe problems with both their other works entries.

France's Bob Wollek, who led for six hours until midnight with co-drivers Vern Schuppan of Australia and South African Sarel van der Merwe, was forced out in the small hours.

Promising

The other works Porsche, operated by the Andretti family, headed by former Formula One Grand Prix champion Mario, had to settle for sixth place after racing a promising third for the first eight hours.

About 40,000 Britons were among the 350,000 crowd at the track to cheer Jaguar home. Dumfries said: "They gave us a great lift."

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